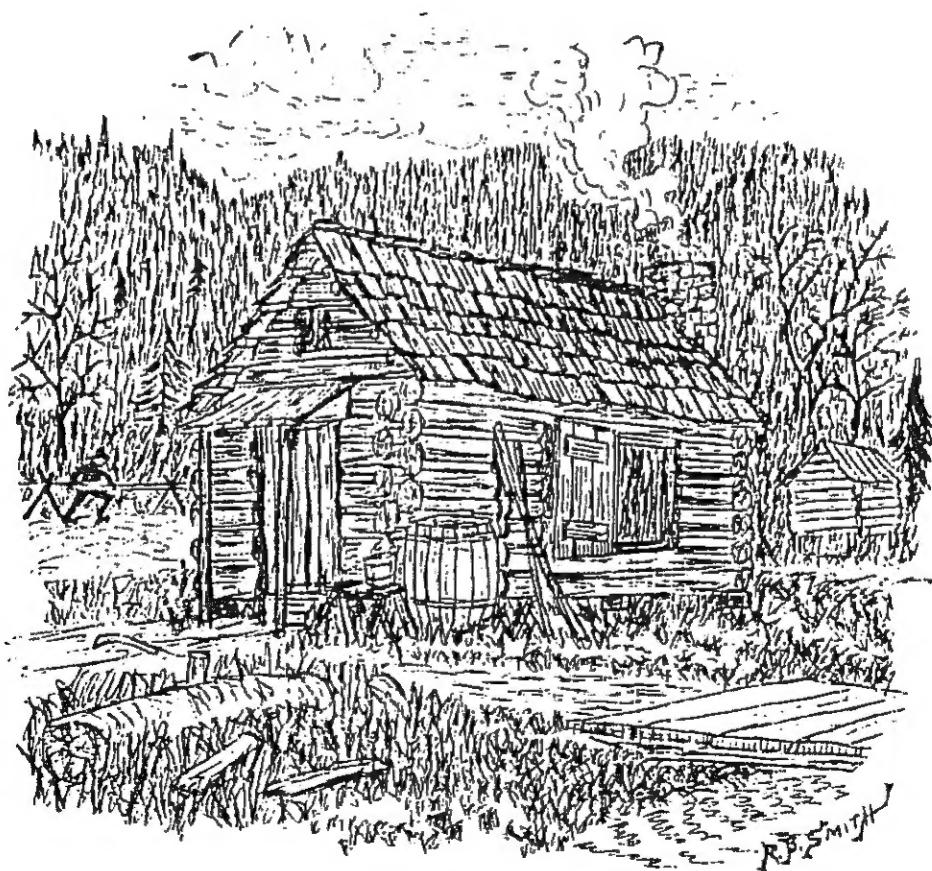


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13 December 1989

Dear Cousins, Cousins of Cousins, and Friends:

Well, it's that time of year again - time to get the journal out amid the Christmas rush. This issue was easier than ever - thanks to Maurice, Raydine, Bob, Bill, Mary, Raymond and Bob.

At Thanksgiving time, Raydine called and said that she and Maurice would assist Bob in getting the material typed and assembled if I would just get it together. Little did I know then just how easy that job was going to be - thanks, Bill, Earl, Mary and Raymond. - you made it happen. I knew that I had Bill's, Earl's and Mary's material; but I didn't open Raymond's package until this evening. When I did, I knew there truly was a Santa Claus - and I think you'll agree. Raymond had sent 33 pages of Bible records published in 1932 in the "Exponent-Telegram" and preserved at Colson Hall at WVU. I decided to use all of them in this issue as a Christmas gift to all of us. (I think the only person who will be unhappy is Ella Maroon when she has to index them all - sorry, Ella.)

Just about the time the last issue was published, I moved AGAIN!!!! This time I think (and pray) we're here to stay for a period of time - at least till Chuck retires and we can go back to W. Va. New address: 105 West Russell Ave., West Lafayette, Ohio 43845. New phone: 614-545-6010.

Plans are in the works for our 1990 gathering - we're shooting for the second weekend in August. Mark it on your calendar as a tentative date and watch for information in the next issue.

It's dues time again - write your check today and mail it to Raydine.

Well, gang, it's nearing midnight and Roscoe, my cat, is up at the keyboard pawing my fingers and telling me it's time for bed.

Here's wishing each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy 1990!

Love to one and all -

Joy

Notes from the HCPD President:

Christmas: Yes, we were blessed with a house full of family, gifts, and probably too much to eat. Our neighbor, Nancy Bush, R.N., gave me a book called Mountain Heritage by B.B.Maurer, printed by McClain Printing Co. Parsons, WV. The book has had six printings, the latest in 1989. It is interesting! And you don't want to lay it down!

It tells of Appalachia which includes parts of 13 states and West Virginia is the only state which is entirely in Appalachia.

It is 10 books in one. One writer says the culture of this region is basically celtic. This bit of data may whet your curiosity. Our executive committee asked me to order a copy for the HCPD Library-and I have done so.

I feel fortunate in knowing and having worked with some of the authors, and I thank my neighbor for this fine gift.

Seminars: Our Editor, Joy Gilchrist, will be in Lewis County, January 15-19 1990, to present some local historic data to West Virginia History Classes in Jane Lew, Weston and Walkersville's 8th grade classes. The school principals and history teachers expressed their appreciation to me for scheduling Joy to appear at their schools. Raydine, Bob, Irma, Barbara, Ed and I will be assisting as needed.

Rare Book Bids: Sec-Treas. Raydine, report a good response to the HCPD offer for bids on rare books, donated by Ed Allman.

Exploring: The topic of a one room brick school house built in 1882, for black children, was mentioned in our last Journal as a possible better site for our library. HCPD is still exploring the possibility with the Board of Education. HCPD asked the Board to place this item on their agenda and vote one way or the other on this item on December 18. They did. However, several items are being researched: insurance, length of lease, amount of lease, parking space, repairs needed, etc. We are hopeful because it offers us an improved facility. More later.

HCPD Library: Irma and Raydine are serving the public on a regular basis and we appreciate their time and devotion to one of HCPD's purposes: to have a library and to use it. Lack of enough heat for comfort was a problem. However, an approved gas heater was provided by a HCPD member, and Bob, Ed, and I along with a plumber installed it. Also, Ed installed plastic film over three large windows in the room. Our two HCPD ladies report a comfortable working area now.

*one more item:*

Medical Incinerator: *If any HCPD member desires to express their opinion against this proposed project on Hacker's Creek, you may write to: Steven R. Shapiro, Pres., Westar Environmental Project, 11900 Biscayne Blvd., Suite 809, North Miami, Fla. 33181*

*Maurice L. Allman, Pres. HCPD*



Steven R. Shapiro, President  
Westar Environmental Project  
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Dear President Shapiro:

In reply to your letter dated October 24, 1989, and the data concerning WESTAR ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT, Central Hospital Waste Incinerator, Jane Lew, West Virginia, kindly consider the following observations and comments:

1. I believe it would be to your interest and financial benefit to advertise for another location in an area where the water runoff would not enter into a stream which serves as a water supply for a municipality, homes and businesses.
2. The discouragement of industry in the Jane Lew area due to the possible contamination of the Hacker Creek water supply exists now, if your plant is installed as proposed.
3. Down the road of TIME and the planned outreach for waste from our state and neighboring states' hospitals, projects a serious health hazard of unknown duration and magnitude to the Jane Lew area.
4. Hacker's Creek is unique in many ways. Historians relate how the Shawnee Indians named the stream "Wiya-nipe," or "Muddy Water," indicating the rich alluvial character of the soil through which the stream flows.
5. I would probably use the term of turbid instead of muddy. Either way there is a constant flow of minute particles of soil in the water.
6. These particles become vehicles to which foreign and harmful particles attach themselves and flow down stream.
7. On Page 2 of your report concerning the question: "Will there be a water discharge from this facility?" Answer: Yes. While the report claims that the water is cleaned and reused many times within the facility, this raises questions of "just what all is in the water when it

finally discharges." Also the report states that water and chemicals are used to clean and disinfect the trucks that collect and transport the red bag waste.

8. Over a period of time this water which is loaded with chemicals and contaminated with red bag waste residue will reach the stream of Hacker's Creek and flow to the Jane Lew Water Plant, I believe.

9. I cannot find any Health Official or Soil Scientist who will say that a septic system over a period of time will not fail to absorb the water input. This translate to overflow and runoff into Hacker's Creek and into the water supply of hundreds of families, and dozens of businesses.

10. West Virginia does not have a good track record of enforcing environmental regulations. This is not necessarily the fault of the employees, but rather the lack of manpower to properly enforce existing laws. We see no improvement in this issue. Therefore, the likelihood of improper enforcement of this plant is to be expected as the norm.

11. There is no reason to believe that this proposed plant and its planned operations will not be resold many times as the owners become aged and desire to sell. This raises many questions as to desired continuity of management, operations, and maintenance of all employees. Over a period of time, critical elements of training become blurred and then safety measures of the past all of a sudden fail.

12. Who then will provide water to the Jane Lew area homes and businesses while the catastrophic spill of chemicals and diseases are cleaned up? Who will be responsible, and who would want to be responsible for a long term sanitising operation, if in deed this would be possible?

13. I could continue further and elaborate the problems of narrow roads to the site, the increased hazards to the families who use the road daily; Hacker's Creek is developing into a tourist attraction with its wealth of historic events and early pioneers; you can probably imagine the consternation of hundreds of families who have roots in the watershed area, when they learn of the planned facility. We hear of the Lewis County Chamber of Commerce plans to erect tourist signs on I-79 both north and south of Jane Lew

inviting tourists to stop and see (and spend money) visiting the numerous historic places. Hacker's Creek is a pristine area which is finally being recognized statewide.

14. It is easy to recognize that willing sellers are ready and anxious to receive the money. We all are. But we are all in this world together. We are making more people, but we are not making anymore land. Therefore, we see competition for whatever land that is available at almost any price.

Sincerely,

*Maurice X. Allman*

Maurice Allman

*Resource Conservationist, Retired*

*cc: file*

From the secretary's desk --

It seems that the year is screaming to a close and finds me with many of those New Year's resolutions undone. Maybe next year ---

Irma Curtis is my candidate for HCPD Lady of the Year. She has done 95% of the cataloging of materials; she's present every Tuesday and Saturday to greet researchers; she recruits new members from out of town visitors; she decorates the rooms for holidays; she sits in the "cold storage" room when we chickens retire to a warmer place; she makes tea and coffee; and she comes in at special times to greet and assist members who travel to use our library. That is surely dedication of a high order! After the holiday she will be conducting some training classes so volunteers can relieve her, or at least, assist her. The cataloging should be finished by January and we'll send the cards out to be typed by those of you who have offered your services.

Membership renewals are coming in at a fast rate, and we are picking up new members each week. When the LDS Library in Salt Lake City subscribed to our Journals we quickly began to receive new members from that area. We hope that you new members will find our Journals interesting and helpful, and we also hope that you will be able to join us at an annual Gathering some year.

Speaking of Gatherings - Joy will be in Jane Lew in January when we will have an opportunity to enjoy her company for a week and will gather for an executive session. Between times we communicate and make decisions by telephone. We are also beginning to make plans for our Gathering in August - more about it in the next issue.

Maurice will tell you about the interesting meetings we've had with people from the Weston Hospital re old records and memorabilia, so I'll just say -

Thank you for the encouraging notes you send along with your checks. Please forgive our errors and omissions - we have tried hard in 1989 and hope that 1990 will be even better!

Love,

Cousin Raydine

## WINNERS OF CLOSED BID AUCTION OF RARE BOOKS

Note: Dates published in issue #4 were incorrect, as obviously bids submitted by Dec, 15th could not be curtailed by Dec. 1st. Therefore, because mails were also delayed the committee decided to accept bids through Dec, 31st, with notification made Jan. 1, 1990.

- #1 HISTORY OF THE VALLEY OF VIRGINIA by Samuel Kercheval.  
11-07-89 - Lora Ruth Hurst \$101.00
- #2 - PIONEER LEADERS OF WESTERN VIRGINIA by O. D. Lambert.  
11-26-89 - Rolley Wilson - \$50.00
- #6 -WILD FLOWERS OF THE ALLEGHENIES by Joseph E. Harned.  
12-23-89 - Kim Wriston - \$90.00
- #10 -HISTORY OF LEWIS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA by E. C. Smith.  
11-25-89 - Fred L9nger - \$105.00
- #11,12,13 - CHRONICLES OF BORDER WARFARE by A.S. Withers.  
#11 - 11-24-89 - Donna Barnes \$100.00  
#12 - 11-09-89 Harris K. Jensen 50.00  
#13 - 12-23-89 Kim Wriston 30.00
- #15 O MARION COUNTY IN THE MAKING by J.O. Watson.  
11-07-89 - Lora Ruth Hurst - \$36.00
- #17 -BLENNERHASSETT, A ROMANCE by C.F.P.  
12-13-89 - Rebecca Gamble - \$89.00
- #18,19,20 - THE SCOUT OF THE BUCKONGEHANON by J.C. McWhorter  
#18 - 11-01-89 - Jack Hefner \$52.00  
#19 - 11-01-89 - Irene Smith 25.00  
#20 - 12-23-89 - Kim Wriston 20.00
- #21 TRUE STORIES OF OUR PIONEERS by A.L. Mason  
12-23-89 - Kim Wriston - \$60.00

There were no bids on other books. Please write if you would like a list of other bidders and dates bids were submitted.

Thank you very much for your bids. The money will be spent to expand our library.

THE LIFE AND TIMESOFJOHN THEODORE SCHIEFER

(1830-1864)

LEWIS COUNTY HERO - CIVIL WAR TRAGEDY

by

William Foster Hayes III

## PART III

(CONTINUED)

- 1858- More violence in Kansas over slavery: opponents vs. supporters.  
Minnesota admitted as 32nd State (free).  
June - Republicans of Illinois nominate Abraham Lincoln for Senator against incumbent Stephen A. Douglas.  
Gold discovered in Colorado.  
August to October - Abraham Lincoln and Sen. Stephen A. Douglas attract intense national interest in their series of debates on question of slavery.  
John Brown rouses rabble with his favorite New Testament passage: "Without shedding of blood there is no remission of sin." (Hebrews 9:22)  
November - Douglas wins election in Illinois.
- 1859- Oregon admitted as 33rd State (free).  
U. S. Supreme Court affirms constitutionality of the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850.  
Dickens: A Tale of Two Cities.  
June 27th - A destructive frost kills all the crops on the hills of Western Virginia.  
October 16th - John Brown, with 2 dozen followers, raids U. S. Arsenal at Harper's Ferry, Jefferson Co, VA. Five men are killed, Brown and the rest captured by Col. Robert E. Lee. Brown unabashedly compares himself to Christ, vows he "will accomplish in death the salvation of the poor he failed while living to save."

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December 2nd - John Brown is hanged in Charles Town,  
Jefferson Co, VA.

1860- U. S. now composed of 18 free states and 15 slave  
states.

Pony Express established between St. Joseph, MO,  
and Sacramento, CA (1,980 miles): 80 riders,  
420 horses, changed every 10 miles, 190 relay  
stations. Service only lasts one year, until  
beginning of Civil War.

May - In Chicago, Republicans nominate Abraham  
Lincoln as candidate for President.

June - In Baltimore, Democrats split. Southern  
Democrats nominate John C. Breckinridge, Northern  
Democrats nominate Stephen A. Douglas.

Hit songs: "Dixie" by Daniel Decatur Emmett  
and "Old Black Joe" by Stephen C. Foster.

July to October - Campaign for Presidency.

Northern Democrats' plank: Unconditional con-  
tinuation of slavery.

Southern Democrats promise "slavery or secession."

Republican platform:

1. Opposed to the spread of slavery.
2. Unite major economic groups in the North  
with favorable tariffs for manufacturers.
3. Free homesteads for farmers and workers.
4. Central banking for merchants and financiers.
5. Government subsidized railroads for everyone.

November - Lincoln receives only 40% of the popular  
vote, but, due to the split Democratic vote, wins  
Presidential election.

December 20th - South Carolina votes to secede,  
adopts "Ordinance of Secession."

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A war between the states now seemed more probable than  
ever. Emotion had superseded logic, so that nearly every  
new question created a hostile incident. During the  
winter 1860-61, there was a great military stir throughout  
Virginia, and efforts were made to put the slender State  
Militia on a war footing.

Two companies from the 125th and the 192nd Regiments,  
under the command of Captain Caleb Boggess, a graduate of  
VMI (1845), made up the State Militia of Lewis Co, VA,

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a loose, unmilitary (if not ragtag) group of 70 young and high-spirited men. Their military training had been a get-together every now and then on a Saturday morning, breaking out the old (non-serviceable) flintlock muskets and jovially going through a close order drill. The two regiments shared a drummer and a fifer, and it seemed most of the county could hear them running through their paces on the meadow of Henry Butcher's Farm (later to be called the Riverside Stock Farm), 2 miles north of Weston.

After joking and dancing their way around the meadow for an hour or two, they would stow away their rusty muskets in a log shed and challenge each other to a serious game of baseball. Henry Butcher's meadow was large enough to handle two diamonds at one time, even including some spectators. Sometimes they raced horses.

John Theodore Schiefer never had time to steal away of a Saturday and play with the boys. As 1861 began he was now 30 years old, Amanda 33. Their children:

Ginny-----7  
George-----5  
Charley-----3  
Mollie-----almost 1

Chores were aplenty for John Theodore.

In January, 1861, word came that the Militia might be called into service soon. The boys shaped up slightly, called drill practice more often, and in addition to baseball turned to target practice and even some cavalry maneuvers.

The States of the Deep South, however, did not see this as a time for jokes and easy practice. They feared Lincoln's stand on slavery and immediately began to prepare for the inevitable conflict.

In January, 1861, the Southern States swung into action:

South Carolina - seized Fort Johnson in Charleston Harbor.

Georgia - Took over Fort Pulaski on the Savannah River,

- Voted to secede,
- Seized Federal Arsenal at Augusta,
- Seized Fort Jackson,
- Seized Oglethorpe Barracks.



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- Alabama - Seized Fort Morgan in Mobile,
  - Seized Fort Gaines in Mobile,
  - Voted to secede.
- Florida - State Troops seized Federal Arsenal at Apalachicola,
  - Seized Fort Marion at St. Augustine,
  - Voted to secede,
  - Seized Fort Barrancas.
- Mississippi - Voted to secede,
  - State Troops seized Fort Massachusetts on Ship Island in the Mississippi Gulf.
- Louisiana - State Troops seized Fort Jackson,
  - Seized Fort St. Philip,
  - Took over the Federal Arsenal at Baton Rouge,
  - Appropriated the U. S. Marine Hospital at New Orleans,
  - voted to secede.

And Kansas was admitted as the 34th State (slave).

President Buchanan was concerned, but he did not wish to take any overtly warlike actions in the lame duck days of his presidency. He made a token move, garrisoning Fort Taylor on Key West, FL, with U. S. Troops. He wired President-Elect Lincoln, asking how soon he would be coming to Washington.

In February, 1861, the South continued to flex its muscles. Texas voted to secede, Arkansas State Troops took over the Federal Arsenal at Napoleon, AR, and Louisiana took over the U. S. Paymaster's Office in New Orleans. Lincoln told his family to pack, replied to Buchanan that he would depart Springfield, IL, as soon as possible.

The Provisional Congress of the Confederate States of America convened February 4th to 9th, proclaimed the official formation of the Confederate States of America. Jefferson Davis, elected President, was inaugurated February 18th.

On February 11th, 1861, under a cloud of almost certain Civil War, President-Elect Abraham Lincoln departed Springfield on his rail journey to Washington, D. C., for his inauguration as 16th President of the United States of America. He stopped to speak in many large cities on

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the way, each time reiterating that he would go to any lengths to hold the Union together. He purposely routed his train through Cincinnati, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Buffalo, Albany, New York City, and Philadelphia, arriving (unannounced) in Washington at 6:00am, February 23rd, thwarting an assassination attempt which was scheduled to take place "the moment he set foot in Washington." He named Detective Allan Pinkerton of Chicago as his official bodyguard. The assassination attempt was only the first of many.

On February 4th, Virginia Governor John Letcher had ordered a "mustering" of the 20th Brigade of Virginia Militia at Weston. This was composed of the 125th and 192nd Regiments of Infantry, under the command of Brigadier General Currence B. Conrad of Glenville, Gilmer County. The mustering took place Saturday afternoon, February 16th, on the aforementioned meadow of Henry Butcher's Farm.

When the order was issued, the officers residing in and around Weston held a meeting at the Court House to determine whether to muster and pass in review under the U. S. Flag or not. There were more votes "against" than there were "for," and the general opinion was that it would be best to omit the flag, as it would no doubt cause trouble.

But Captain Michael Egan (later to be John Theodore Schiefer's Captain in Co. B, 15th WV Inf. Vol.) decided this was wrong. He announced his first duty was to the Government of the Union, and that his obligation to the State of Virginia must be secondary, and that therefore they had to muster under the flag of the United States. When he was voted down he made a secret determination to bring his own flag to the muster.

Egan (with the help of Gasper Butcher of Butcher's Fork) secured red, white and blue materials, went to the home of John Flesher, and asked Miss Julia and Miss Celia Flesher to make a flag for him. Which they did. On the appointed day, Egan waited until the columns were lined up for review, then rode upon the field at a full gallop and unfurled the homemade flag to the breeze. He handed the flag to John Newman, who had volunteered to carry it, and retired from the field.

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Among the other officers on the field that day were:  
John W. Detamore, Adjutant 125th Regiment, who  
would soon be Egan's 1st Lieut. Co B, 15th WV,  
J. A. J. Lightburn, Adjutant 192nd Regiment, who  
became a Federal General, and  
David H. Smith, Adjutant 192nd Regiment,  
who subsequently took over as Captain of the  
Jane Lew Guards, 192nd Regiment, WV State Troops.

Lincoln's inaugural address (March 4, 1861) held no surprises for either side. He stated unequivocally that secession from the Union was unconstitutional and, since he had just sworn (as the new leader of the United States) to uphold the United States Constitution, he would do whatever was necessary to keep the Union together.

Nevertheless, on March 16th, Arizona voted to secede. Also in March, Richard Jordan Gatling invented the Gatling Gun, which could fire 350 rounds per minute and sadly would take some soldiers' lives in the coming conflict. Robert E. Lee was made a full Colonel in the U. S. Army, which now totalled only 16,000 men. Texas State Troops seized Fort Bliss. Lincoln chose his Cabinet.

On Thursday, March 28th, 1861, John Theodore and Amanda Schiefer observed the first birthday of their little daughter Mollie. What an ominous party that must have been. Not only the devastation of war was facing their family, but the awful reality that when the war did begin it would not be against someone else, it would be against themselves -- family against family, relatives against relatives, neighbors burning the homes and girdling the trees and maiming the horses of their own neighbors, Virginians against Virginians, everybody right and everybody wrong.

And then it started. Confederate General Pierre Gustave Toutant Beauregard had the distinction of ordering the first shots fired. At 4:30am, April 12th, 1861, Confederate guns opened fire on Fort Sumter, in the Harbor of Charleston, SC. The die was cast. The Civil War of the United States of America exploded into life. There could be no winner. The South wanted to force the North to recognize its independence. The North had to force the South back into the Union. Neither side could accept a compromise. It would be a fight to the death. Everybody would lose.

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Lincoln called for 75,000 Militiamen to come into the U. S. Army (3-month hitch), as Jefferson Davis called for the same Militiamen to come into the Confederate Army. Both sides expected the conflict to be settled within 90 days. All 34 States would be represented in both armies. Northerners, such as General John C. Pemberton of Pennsylvania, joined the Confederate Army. Southerners, such as George H. Thomas of Virginia, fought for the Union.

The State of Virginia passed its Act of Secession on April 17th, 1861, officially joining the Confederacy. This caused Robert E. Lee to resign his U. S. Army Commission, saying, "How can I draw my sword upon Virginia, my native State?" He was immediately appointed Commander of the Army of Virginia of the Confederate States of America. Later in April, Lincoln blockaded Southern ports and suspended Writ of Habeas Corpus.

John Theodore Schiefer did not join the Army at this time, but he did follow intensely the actions of his local community. He chose to remain loyal to his country, probably attended the huge meeting in Clarksburg, April 22nd, held to discuss the idea of Western Virginia separating from Virginia.

On May 3rd, Lincoln called for 83,000 more volunteers for the Union Army (3-year hitch), and formed the Department of Ohio, to be commanded by General George Brinton McClellan. On May 6th, he directed General McClellan to also assume command of the Department of Western Virginia.

McClellan arrived in Western Virginia in May, stayed in the area for two months, fighting some minor battles, training and equipping his Army and recruiting men wherever he went. He was a heroic figure, handsome, exciting, and he became the idol of the Union supporters in Western Virginia. It was during those two months of June and July, 1861, that John Theodore Schiefer (according to our family tradition) spoke to McClellan in person, and that they struck their bargain:

McClellan: "Come and fight for your country."

Schiefer: "If my wife is pregnant when I join the Army, will you guarantee me a 3-week pass to go see her when the child is born?"

McClellan: "You have my word -- IF you name the child after me."

Schiefer: "It's a deal."

McClellan: "My hand on it."

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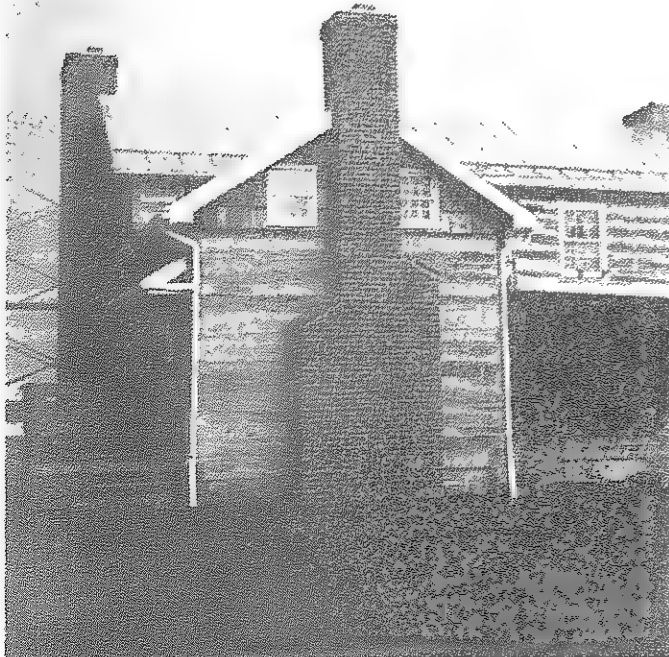
MABEL SCOTT DIGS UP "ROOTS"

Mabel subscribes to the Grant County Press, and on the front page of the paper one day there was a picture of a large log house which had been owned by the McNemar family until 1929 when Margaret Dayton and husband bought it. They didn't know it was log until they decided to raze it and removed the siding. A neighbor, Harold Dettiburn, bought the house and moved it up the run to his own land.

Mabel visited him and was able to tour the house and take pictures. It is a seven room log house once owned by Phillip McNemar who emigrated to what is now Lewis County in 1803. Phillip was the father-in-law of Mabel's German ancestor, Nicholas Linger, who married Margaret McNemar. According to Mabel, Phillip McNemar joined the Rev. War from Orange Co., VA. He received a land grant of 324 acres for his war service. The Sam Hardman manuscript said that prior to Phillip's move to Lewis Co. he operated an Inn or road house where Thomas Jefferson often ate his lunch en route to Monticello.

Since the cabin has seven rooms, large for the time, it seems to be logical that it was used as an inn.

How about it - when you HCPD members make an exciting discovery please take pictures and tell us about it. It not only makes good reading but may help some other family researcher. Thanks for the info and pic, Mabel!

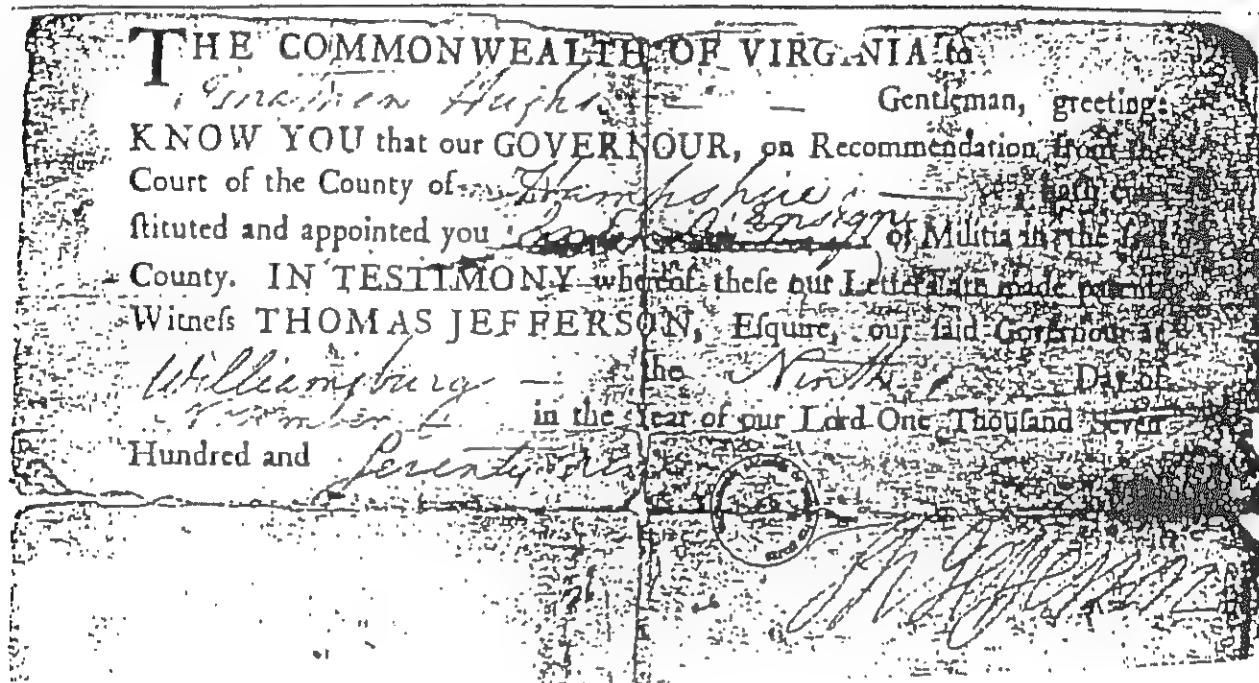


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(1764c - 1819) -  
Margaret McNemar  
(1765c - 1827) Family  
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IN HUGHES FAMILY HISTORY

REPRODUCED FROM HOLDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES



The above officer commission issued during the Revolutionary War to Jonathan Hughes of Hampshire County, VA (IV) was signed into order by Thomas Jefferson, then Governor of VA, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and third President of the United States. The original copy of this commission is in the National Archives, Washington, DC in the pension file #39591 submitted by Jonathan Hughes as part of his application made in 1834 from Gallia County, OH before he moved back to Doddridge County, VA (IV) to live out the remainder of his life with his daughter Leah Stutler, wife of Robert Stutler. Jonathan died in 1849 and was buried at the Eddy Cemetery, Miletus, Doddridge County, IV.

William Jackson's "Will" CARTER CO, TENN.

In the Name of God Amen. I William Jackson of the County of Carter and State of Tennessee being sick and weak in body but of sound mind and disposing Memory for which I thank God and praising Him and the abundance of human life and being desirous to dispose of all such worldly estate as it has pleased God to bless me with I give and bequeath the same in the Manner following

Item I bequeath and bequeath to my Beloved wife Berchada all the household furniture and also all the stock of every kind for the support of her and the children she had by me and to dispose of the same as she pleases at her death likewise

my living of my own land and the plantation in my life or widowhood and the plantation and at her Marriage or Death to be divided between my four sons to wit John Joseph Stephen and David equally

And to each of my other children I leave and bequeath twenty shillings each to be paid to them by me or my heirs or assigns at the end of the plantation or stock

And I do hereby constitute and make this my last will and Testament this eighth of September in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight and six signed sealed published and declared as and for the last will and testament of the above named William Jackson in presence of us

Alexander Archibald Jackson (Jr.)  
Archibald Thompson

# William Jackson's Will of Carter Co. Tenn.

362 ) In the name of God Amen I Edward Jackson of the County of  
 Edward Jackson's ) Harrison and State of Virginia, yeoman, being very sick  
 Will-1807 ) and weak in body but of perfect mind and disposing memory  
 (Will Book #1 page 362.) ) thank be to God for his mercies calling unto mind the  
 HARRIS, W. V. ) mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed unto  
 all men once to die do make and ordain this my Last will  
 and Testament recommending my soul unto the hands of Al-  
 mighty God who gave it, and my body I recommend unto the  
 Earth to be buried in decent Christian Burial at the discretion of my Executors  
 nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again  
 by the mighty power of God and as touching such Worldly Estate as it pleased  
 God to bless me in this life I give demise and dispose of the same in the fol-  
 lowing manner and form. First I give and bequeath to Marthe my dearly beloved  
 wife the one third of the incomes of my farm together with my mare and her side  
 saddle and one Cow so long as she remains my Widow but if she marries the place  
 is to be sold and the money to be divided in the following manner and way. I  
 give to my Son Stephen Jackson, twenty Dollars to be taken out of a Note  
 bearing date April fifteenth 1807 which is due to me from ~~him~~ him Also I give  
 to my son Jacob Jackson fifty dollars to be levied out of my Estate, also I  
 give to my son William Jackson fifty Dollars to be levied out of my Estate.  
 I have given unto my Son Samuel Jackson all that 363 I mean to give him. I  
 have also given to my two Daughters Sarah Fletcher and Mary Flint each of them  
 a Cow and two Sheep. I do also give to my three Daughters viz to Jehine  
 Arnold and to Lucia and Phoebe Jackson each of them one cow and two sheep and  
 at the old Lady's marriage or Death at which time the place is to be sold and  
 the former Legates paid off the remainder of the money is to be divided  
 equally among my Daughters. And I do constitute make and ordain my son inlaw  
 John Arnold and Able Bond the sole Executors of this my Last will and Testa-  
 ment and I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannul all and every other  
 former testaments wills Legacies bequeaths ~~and I do hereby~~ and ratify  
 and Executors, by me many wise before named will and bequeathed ratifying  
 and confirming this to be my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I  
 have herunto set my hand and Seal this the Seventh day of May one thousand  
 Eight hundred and Seven.

his  
 Edward I Jackson  
 mark

Signed Sealed pronounced,  
 and Declared by the Said Edward  
 Jackson as his last Will and  
 Testament in the presence of us  
 who in his presence and in the  
 presence of each other have hither-



Jonathan Hughes - Sarah Abigail Jackson  
MARRIAGE BOND - Wilkes Co. N.C.

Know all by these presents that we Jonathan Hughes and William Jackson of Wilkes County North Carolina are and lawfully bound unto Richard Carnwell Esquire Governor of said State &c. in the full sum of five hundred pounds Subject to Liquidation to be paid to the said Richard Carnwell Esq. Governor & his Successors or Assigns to which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs Executors and Administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 11 July 1886

The Condition of the above Obligation is such that whereas the above bound Jonathan Hughes hath made application for a Marriage License to be granted between him the said Jonathan Hughes and Abigail Jackson now if there is no Impediment but the said Marriage be in every respect lawful then the above Obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force & Virtue

Signed Sealed & Delivered Jonathan Hughes  
In Presence of William Jackson

Jackson, Wm.  
1810

William Jackson of Eastern County and S.D.C.  
I do hereby bind with Ebenezer Cannon Esq.  
to act as executor of the will and  
effrayth of one that proper funds  
Hath and seek this 5th June 1810

Wm.

William Jackson

Reuben Johnson

Wm. May

David W. Ramsey

### Hughes - Jackson Connection

The publication "Stutler-Hughes-Jackson, Pioneer Families of West Virginia" and "Colonial Ancestors of Edward Jackson (1741-1807)" both written by Gladys Stutler Huffman, contains the only major publications that I have found that make the connection of the Hughes-Jackson families through the marriage of Jonathan Hughes to Abigail Jackson. This publication states that Sarah Abigail Jackson was the daughter of the Revolutionary War soldier Edward and Martha (Miller) Jackson. The objective of this article is to bring together several facts and analysis that tend to disprove the possibility that Abigail was the child of Edward and Martha Jackson, but possibly a child of William Jackson the older half brother to the referenced Edward.

The above referenced publication provides no real proof of Abigail's parents. Page "5" of the Colonial Ancestors of Edward Jackson (1741-1807) publication states that Edward's will, dated May 7, 1807, lists "Ten of his eleven children as legatees" and identifies Sarah Abigail as the second child born in New Jersey in 1765. However, examination of this "Will" which is recorded in Will Book #1, page 362, Harrison County West Virginia Court House lists Edward's wife Martha, four sons, and five daughters one of which is Sarah Flesher. This Sarah married John Flesher in 1804. Also, this union was reported in the Hacker Creek Journal, Spring 1988, Issue 3 "Biographical Sketch of Henry Flesher" on page 169. Why Gladys Stutler Huffman reported Sarah Abigail Hughes and not Sarah Flesher as his daughter, who was clearly identified in the Edward Jackson Will, is a mystery to me.

The fact is that the wife of Jonathan Hughes never used Sarah in her name. All documents referring to her (i.e., the marriage bond of NC, her membership in the Seven Day Baptist Church, Salem, her death notice recorded in the Church Records, all entries in the Church Records concerning her problem with Jonathan and the Church's attempt to get a resolution to the matter and including her grave marker always recorded Abigail or Sister Abigail. All records of the Ed Jackson family and the Henry Flesher family always recorded only Sarah Jackson or Sarah Flesher. The only time one will find the two given names of "Sarah Abigail" together is in the Gladys Stutler Huffman publication which was a fabrication designed to make a connection where no evidence warranted.

One historian of Jackson/Hughes family history when confronted with the evidence of the names in the Ed Jackson "Will" of 1807 and those reported by Gladys Stutler Huffman as being in the will, stated:

"In the Index to the Marriage Records of Harrison County, Virginia, 1784-1850 Lucinda Jackson married William Flesher. I believe that the person who wrote the "will" of Edward

Jackson confused the names. This often happened in that early time. As you know, few people could read and write then so many mistakes were made. In the many years I've done research problems such as these needed solving."

Lucinda Jackson did marry William Flesher but it was in 1812, five years after the "will" was written. Sarah Jackson married John Flesher in 1804 which resulted in the "will" identifying Sarah Flesher as an heir of Edward Jackson, which did not require the historians correction of the "will" as written. The only correction needed is in proper researching techniques used by that historian.

Further the place of birth of New Jersey for Abigail Jackson is also subject to doubt. The 1880 Federal Census provides an info column as to the place of birth for each individual and that individual's parents. In the case of Stephen Hughes and Martha Davis, only children of Jonathan and Abigail Hughes who were still alive in 1880, both reported that their mother was born in Georgia not New Jersey. Stephen was living in the Fremans Dist. of Lewis County and Martha (wife of William (Buckeye Billy) Davis) was in Doddridge County Virginia at the time of the 1880 census.

I made a trip to Wilkesville, North Carolina in 1988 in an attempt to get additional data as this was the place that Jonathan and Abigail were married (a copy of the marriage bond is provided). This marriage bond dated 1786 was signed by a William Jackson. The bond does not state that Abigail is in fact his daughter, but it is usually the case. A review of the Deeds for Wilkes County North Carolina revealed that William Jackson lived on South Fork of Lewis Fork a part of the Great Elkins Creek, land that he had received a grant for as early as 1770.

The last deed of William Jackson for his land on Lewis Creek, NC was recorded in 1807 in Book #F1, p.482 Wilkes County, NC. At this time William Jackson was a resident of Carter County, TN and he is passing the land to Isiah Case of Wilkes County, NC.

This year (1989) I made a trip to Carter Co., TN and found the "Will" (also provided) of William Jackson which was written in 1806 and probated in 1810. The signature of William Jackson on the Marriage Bond of Abigail Jackson and Jonathan Hughes of NC and the signature on William Jackson's Will of TN are the same. This William Jackson identifies Basheba as his wife and mother of four sons by him: John, Joseph, Stephen, and David. No daughters were identified, but he did say there were other children. Deeds at the Carter County Court House revealed that William was granted land on the forks of Doe Creek and Doe River by the State of North Carolina.

Glady Hoffmann's publication on the Colonial Ancestors of Edward Jackson does identify William Jackson as the second son of Joseph and Margaret (Burgess) Jackson and half brother to Edward Jackson who died in Harrison County in 1807. Glady Hoffmann states that this William was born 1736 died 1808 in Tennessee. No wife or children were listed in his publication.

The data presented here does not prove that William Jackson (signer of the marriage bond) is the father of Abigail Jackson, wife of Jonathan Hughes, but I believe this evidence provides no reason to believe the Edward Jackson who died in Harrison County in 1807 was her father. This article is written in the hope that someone may come forth with additional support data that may in fact identify the parents of Abigail Jackson or will liberate those researchers who have, to date, taken for granted that Edward Jackson was in fact the father of Sarah Abigail and will continue to search to determine the positive identification.

If I am correct that Pvt. Edward Jackson of the American Revolutionary War who died in 1807 in Harrison County is not in fact Abigail's father then someone did a very damaging act in moving Edward Jackson's grave marker from the Robert Mendes farm on Browns Creek near Mt. Clare Harrison County, to the Seven Day Baptist Church Cemetery in Salem, WV so it could be near Abigail's gravesite. As Robert Mendes told me in 1985, they did not disturb the actual graves, but only removed the family marker which now lays broken beside Abigail Hughes' fine monument at this old and historical church in Salem, WV. Jonathan Hughes' gravesite and monument is located at the Eddy Cemetery, Miletus Doddridge County, WV which is located south of Salem and near the Harrison County line.

I invite comments on this article or any support data that might help in establishing the real identification of the parents of Abigail Jackson, wife of Jonathan Hughes.

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Margaret Hardman Wetzel: A Grand-Daughter of John Hacker  
by Mary Crawford Clawsey

Henry Hardman (c1780-82[1] - 10-2-1870), son of Peter Hardman and Charlotte Lasier/Lazier (see HCJ III.1:38-42; III.4:180; and VII.1&2:16) was married twice--first to Elizabeth Hacker, daughter of John Hacker and Margaret Sleeth, on September 19 or 27, 1808, and second to Juliana or Julia Ann[2] Rinehart on April 14, 1815. Both marriages took place in what was then Harrison County, (West) Virginia. Henry was the father of at least seven children who lived to adulthood--Charlotte (m. John Wetzel), John D., Margaret (m. David D. Wetzel), Anna Maria, Thomas R., David, and Louisa--as well as at least three others who died as children. There seems no doubt that the last four named, along with those that died in infancy, were Julia's children. Charlotte was certainly Elizabeth's daughter. The mother(s) of John and Margaret have been less certain, that uncertainty being based on conflicting dates given for Elizabeth's death and Charlotte's birth. However, I believe I have found evidence that Elizabeth lived long enough to have been the mother of both John and Margaret.

Since Margaret was two years younger than John, I have focused my attention on her, reasoning that if Elizabeth lived long enough to bear Henry a child in 1813, she was certainly also the mother of one born in 1811.

My first evidence for Margaret as Elizabeth's daughter occurs in a letter (November 11, 1957) from Margaret's grandson Orion Kent Tillman, of Weston, to a grand-niece: "My grandmother, Margaret Wetzel, was the daughter of Henry Hardman, . . . who lived over in Maryland and came over into central West Virginia and married Elizabeth Hacker, the daughter of John Hacker, the first settler in Lewis County. . . . So, you are descended from the first settler in Lewis County."

This statement conflicts with other sources that give the date of Elizabeth Hacker Hardman's death as 1811, two years before Margaret's birth. Eloise Roberts, in Four Revolutionary Soldiers and Their Descendants (Avard, Oklahoma, 1924, p. 43), simply states that Elizabeth married Henry Hardman in 1807 and died on the Mad River in Ohio in 1811. Another account, that of Minnie McWhorter (see HCJ III.2:55-56), also relates that Elizabeth died in the autumn of 1811. Hacker records compiled by William Hacker of Shelbyville, Indiana, elaborate: Elizabeth died in the autumn of 1811 giving birth to Charlotte, having earlier suffered a broken thigh in a fall from her horse on the journey to Ohio in 1808.

There are at least two problems with this last account, apart from the motherless limbo in which it leaves Margaret. Charlotte's birthdate is given elsewhere[3] as November 3, 1809, and the marriage, which Roberts dates in 1808, is recorded as having taken place in 1807. In addition, as James Sims points out in his article on Henry in VII.1&2:16, although Henry and Elizabeth are said to have gone to Ohio in 1808, the 1810 census (actually the index to all county censuses in the

state) indicates that they were still in Harrison County in that year. Admittedly, the fall could have occurred in 1810 or 1811, and it could easily have been John that Elizabeth died giving birth to[4], but the fact that the account is demonstrably wrong on at least one and likely two points leaves open the strong possibility that it is wrong on others as well.

For the most part, vital statistics records neither confirm nor contradict the foregoing accounts. The record of Margaret's marriage in Lewis County, March 2, 1835, does not give her parents' names, nor does her obituary in the September 18, 1900 Independent. Lewis County has no record of her death (which occurred, according to both Mr. Tillman and her tombstone, as well as the obituary, on September 15, 1900), although the fact that she is buried in the family cemetery near Horner (see HCJ IV.2:72 and 80) tends to indicate that she did die in Lewis County.

Names offer little better evidence. True, Margaret has the name of Elizabeth's mother, but since Julia's death record (Lewis County, July 3, 1880) gives her parents as J. and M. Rhinehart, her mother may also have been named Margaret. The fact that John D. Hardman had the name of Elizabeth's father is similarly inconclusive. As for Margaret's children, she had (among others) a son Henry and a daughter Julia A. but no daughter Elizabeth. Again, however, the evidence is inconclusive: one might very well name a child for the stepmother who was the only mother one had known.

One fact about Margaret is pretty clearly established: she was born on November 13, 1813, most likely in southwest Ohio. The date is given by her grandson mentioned above and confirmed by her tombstone, by her age in every census--36 in 1850, 46 in 1860, etc.--and by the obituary already mentioned, which states that she was 86. (Keep in mind that her birthday was late in the year.) The 1880 census gives her age as 67. Although the 1850 census gives her birthplace as Virginia, both Hardesty and later censuses give it as Ohio.

The fact that Margaret was born in Ohio in 1813 and Henry married Julia in Harrison County in 1815 makes it extremely unlikely that Margaret was Julia's daughter. But was she Elizabeth's? I think so, although the evidence is slight. Paul Hardman's Hardmans and Kindred Clans, p. 56[5], says

Henry Hardman enlisted April 27, 1812 in Greene County, Ohio, served as private in Captain Samuel Stewart's company "in the first army of Ohio under the command of General Hull," . . . . His first wife was Elizabeth Hacker, who died in 1813. He married a second time, Juliana Rhinehart, April 14, 1815, and she received a pension for his military services.

The source of this information was evidently a letter to Paul Hardman from A. D. Hiller of the Veterans Bureau, dated June 12, 1940. That letter reads in part

He enlisted April 27, 1812 in Greene County, Ohio, served as private in Captain Samuel Stewart's company "in the first army of Ohio under the command of General Hull", . . . .

This soldier married Elizabeth Hacker who died about 1813; the date of this marriage, her age, and names of her parents and her residence were not given. He married April 14, 1815 in Harrison County, Virginia, Juliana or Julia Ann Rinehart . . . .

The information in this letter was drawn from Henry's pension records in the National Archives. They include Henry's statement that he met with Captain Stewart and received from him a certificate dated October 26, 1813--apparent evidence that Henry was in Ohio as late as that date. More important, they include Julia's application for a widow's pension, dated May 10, 1878, in which she states that "the said Henry Hardman had been previously married to Elizabeth Hacker, who died about the year 1813."

One could wish for a firmer date, but even such as it is, it harmonizes with the statements of Margaret's grandson. Evidently it was neither Charlotte nor John, but Margaret, that Elizabeth died giving birth to. The fact that the names Margaret and Charlotte sound somewhat alike and that they both married Wetzels may have led to the sisters' being confused or run together. In any case, until further evidence is produced on one side or the other, I am ready to accept that Margaret Hardman Wetzel was the daughter of Elizabeth Hacker.

#### NOTES

1His death record gives his age at the time of his death as 90; the 1850 census, which spells his name Herdman, gives his age as 69; his pension application, dated March 1, 1852, gives it as 70; a second application, March 30, 1855, gives it as 73; his widow's application gives his birthdate as about 1781; a letter from the Veterans Bureau, to be cited below, gives his birthdate as "about May 1, 1781." I can find nothing in the accompanying records to support that specific date.

2Her tombstone spells her name Juliann; the 1850 census gives it as Julia A.; her pension application gives it as Julia Ann.

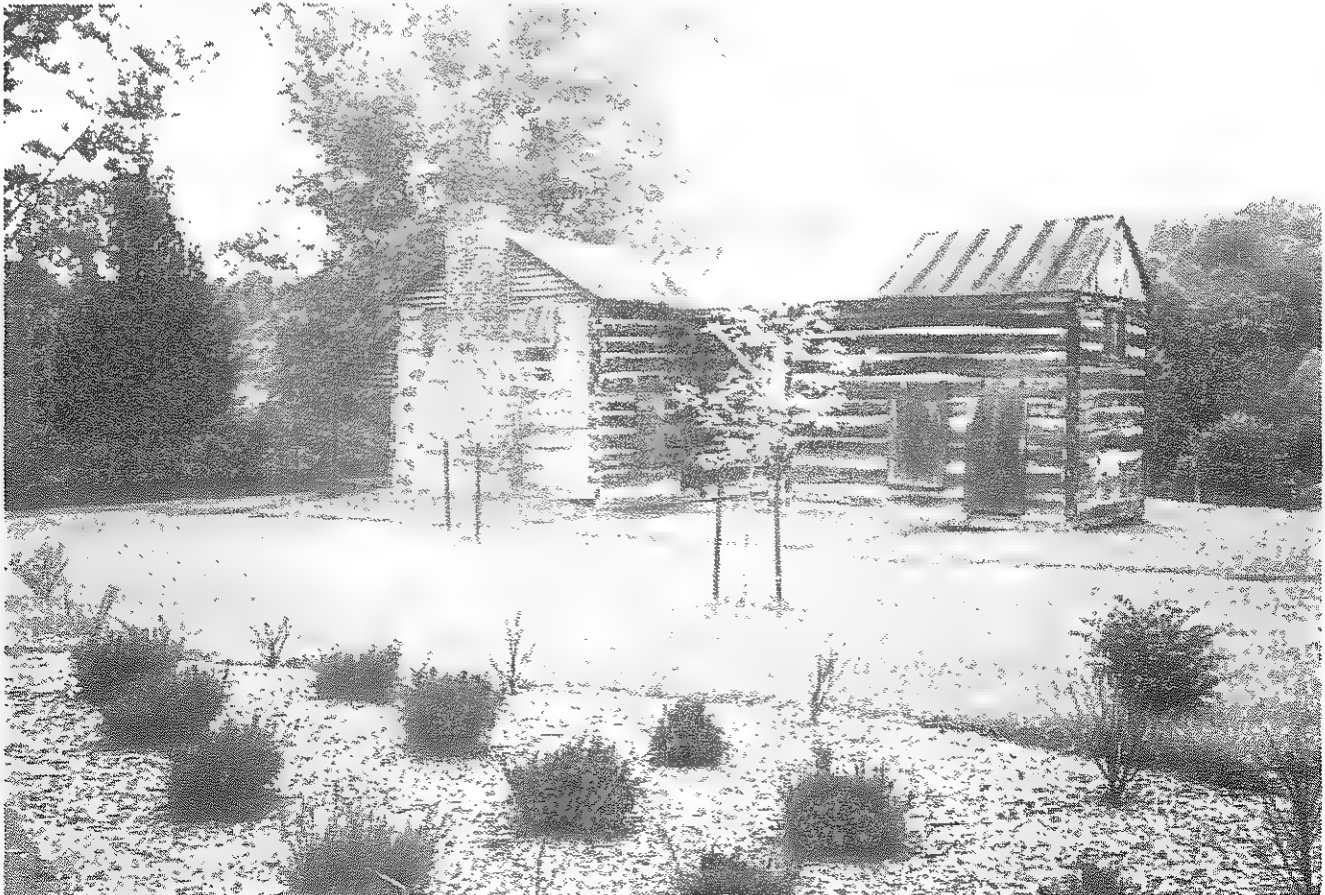
3Records in the possession of Clive West, of Weston, and a family group sheet compiled by an unknown person from information obtained from Minnie McWhorter, Hardesty's History, and Marrthy (?) Cochran both give Charlotte's birthdate as November 3, 1809. The 1810 census already mentioned lists Henry Hardman and his wife as having one child.

4John D. Hardman's death record (Lewis County, 1871) gives his parents as H. and E. Hardman--strong evidence that he, at least, was Elizabeth's child.

5A photocopy of this page, evidently from the last of three editions or printings of this book, was sent to me by James Sims. I have been unable to find any mention of this Henry in the two earlier editions.

Poem by Anna Grace DeHaven, Poet for H.C.P.D., after her tour with Bob Smith and Maurice Allman to Stonewall Jackson Dam and the Roanoke area and the Cemeteries in the empoundment.

We took the trip with Maurice and Bob  
To the Stonewall Jackson Dam.  
It was hard to hear what Bob was saying  
From the back seat of the van-  
Bobs speaking voice is quiet-  
It's really hard to hear.  
If he had made an audio tape  
I'd play it for a year.  
We visited the Mitchell Cemetery  
After Bob had looked around.  
We had a very interesting time  
Not a blacksnake could be found.  
We learned the historical facts  
How the Conrad House survived.  
He sounded proud of the lakeside progress-  
But sad that Roanoke was baptized.  
We heard about Grandma's chicken  
Fried up so golden brown -  
And how she served corn-on-the-cob  
When Bobby was around.  
But when he had to go- in haste  
Out to the shack out back  
He saw the hens recycling corn  
Down in the hole and through the crack.  
Grandma's chicken looked the same,  
Corn-on-the-cob was oh, so good!  
Bobby ate potatoes - without the gravy  
But Grandma never understood.





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Deed Book "B", Page 347  
Lewis Co., Va. now West Va.

6-18  
 Jacob Wolf & }  
 to } 1823  
 The Wools }  
 Indeed for 194 acres of land on both sides of Hacker's creek

This Indenture made the thirteenth day of July one thousand Eight hundred & twenty two between Jacob Wolf and Anna his wife of the one part of the County of Lewis and State of Virginia & Thomas Wolf of the County & State aforesaid of the other part (Witnesseth that) Jacob Wolf and Anna his wife for and in consideration of the sum of fifteen hundred dollars to them in hand paid both Bargain & Sell unto Thomas Wolf to his heirs and assigns a certain tract or parcel of land containing one hundred & ninety four acres being more or less lying in the County of Lewis and situated on both sides of Hacker's creek being the same tract the said Thomas Wolf now lives on Beginning at a black walnut tree a corner agreed upon and running thence N 43 E 39 poles to a white oak thence N 11 E 36 poles to a white oak thence N 38 E 50 poles to a dogwood thence S 88 W 56 poles to a hickory thence South 16 poles to a white oak thence west 128 poles to a hickory thence S 47 W 18 poles to a sparrow oak agreed corner of Samuel Bonnett thence by a line of said Bonnetts S 42 W 83 poles to a hickory on the bank of said creek thence S 66 E 15 poles to a sugar on the bank of said creek thence S 32 E 70 poles to a beech thence N 85 E 78 poles to a white oak thence S 81 E 70 poles to two Beeches thence N 88 W 87 poles to the Beginning together with its appertenance.

To have and to hold the said tract or parcel of Land with its appertenance unto the said Thomas Wolf his heirs and assigns to the sole use and behoof of him the said Thomas Wolf and his heirs and assigns forever and the said Jacob Wolf and Anna his wife for themselves and their heirs doth covenant with the said Thomas Wolf and his heirs the said Land with its appertenance unto the said Thomas Wolf and to his heirs and assigns against all persons whatsoever will warrant and defend forever. In Witness whereof the said Jacob Wolf and Anna his wife have subscribed their names and fixed their seals the day and year above written

Jacob Wolf Seal  
 Anna Wolf Seal

returned to The Wolf Gang 11/18/26  
 Jace & W. Camden Hill.

appraisement  
Will Book 1817-1835, Page 110  
Lewis Co., Va., now West Va.

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Lewis County Court March Term 1824

This appraisement Bill of the Estate of  
Jacob Woody decd. was presented in open Court  
and admitted to record  
Jesse D. Springer etc

Sale Bill of the Estate of Jacob Woody decd.  
on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 1824

	\$	Cts
Christopher McCannick to 1 Draining knife		28
Peter Elmore to 1 hand saw	2	6
George Straley 2 augers		65
George Straley 2 large augers		50
Abraham Woody to Cloth	12	70
Richard Hughes to 1 metal Chain	1	05
Paul Waggoner 1 pair of Stillards		85
George Bush 1 metal lythe		12 1/2
Thomas Woody 1 English lythe		77
George Straley 1 English lythe		18
Isaac Adams to Pickle		85
William Craig	1	0
Jacob Woody to 1 pottranne	1	32
Philip Rizer 1 Cast-iron Plough	2	64
Samuel Connett 1 lock Chain	2	05
Abraham Shennan 1 Chain		43
Thomas J Hacker 1 Shovel Plough	3	59
Jacob Swisher 1 Saddle	9	54
Joseph Carpenter 1 Iron Wrench		90

Abraham Wolf 1 Grubbing hoe	1	02
Samuel Bonnett 1 hoe		01
Thomas Woolf 1 pitch fork		10
Henry Hindman to 1 half Bushel		30
Pace Waggoner to 1 Barrel		16
Henry Hindman 1/2 1 Loom	3	21
Charles went to 1 acre		34
Anna Wolf various to 4 hoghs	1	01
Jonathan Bonnett to 1 Calf		32
Abraham Wolf to 1 Calf		30
Joseph Carpenter to 1 steel tub		20
Thomas Wolf to 1 Saddle tub		20
To 1 Saddle ditto		10
George Bush to 2 steel tubs		12
George Bush to 3 steel tubs		34
To 2 Ditto		60
Thomas Wolf to 1 Calf	1	50
To 1 ditto	2	20
To 1 ditto	2	20
To 1 ditto	2	00
Thomas Hindman	2	50
Thomas Woolf to 1 Saddle Steer	4	80
To 1 Saddle ditto	5	00
To 1 Saddle white ditto	3	70
Thomas Bailey to 12 hse	2	10
Christopher McEvania to 2 sheep	5	00
To 2 ditto	5	00
John Bonnett to 2 sheep	4	00
Jonathan E Bonnett to 2 sheep	2	80
Anna Wolf various to 1 mow	25	00

	112
Paul Waggoner to 1 Chest.	6 04
Mamie Alkin to 1 Broom	10 25
William Hesse by account	6 00
John Hufferd account	5 75
Johns Mist account	1 50
John Lipe 1 dollar tent	1 00
James Wolf widow to property taken at vacation	325 73
of the appraisors	114 70
	<hr/> \$440 43
Total amount	

Lewis County Court March Term 1824.

This Sale Bill of the Estate of Jacob  
Wolf decd. was presented in open Court and  
admitted to record.

James D. Sturges & Co

207 will, appraisment etc. Book 1817-1835 Page 207  
Lewis Co., Va. now West Va.

Probate Will of David G. Goff

Agreeable to the will of the said David Goff  
of Lewis County, Va. at the underwritten  
residence, being the same) have proceeded to  
the said will of the said David Goff of the  
Estate of David G. Goff deceased under a will  
made as follows:

George Brown Administrator &	\$.
to amount of Sixty Six	311.55
" " " debt due estate	15.25
" " " what the widow takes up	114.70
	<hr/> 440.45
ten dollars of the same account	0.00
one hundred & eighty seven	
of which three being insolvent are paid by	
remain	434.43
and which to	284.35
	<hr/> 150.08

18-19-20-21, return amounting to 4.15  
145-874  
24.18 1/2

Ben Croe

to purchase account of David G  
Lester and wife \$10.30  
do Pence & Co. 50  
to make take up bond 54.  
to a purchase account of do within 4 62.41  
to Lester and wife of David G. 62.  
to make take up of 2.21

		208
to account of R. L. S. & Co	7	1 40
do J. S. & Co	8	1 37 1/2
do J. S. & Co	9	2 85
Clerks note	10	11 67
" Receipt of Wm. S. & Co	11	5 00
to acct of J. S. & Co	12	3 35
to acct of H. W. S. & Co	13	3 00
to do M. Hughes	14	2 00
to money on note	15	9 00
to receipt of D. A. Smith	16	2 00
to receipt of receipt	17	2 43
to receipt of A. C. S.	18	1 00
to do J. S. & Co	19	2 00
do M. S. & Co	20	2 57
do D. S. & Co	21	3 3 1/2

to Alexander Morris & Co }  
 paying the same over } - 2 00

to a receipt of J. S. & Co as amended  
 = June 22 } 3 00

to receipt of J. S. & Co as amended 5 00

to receipt from Amos W. S. } 14 45

The above being the sum of \$18 =  
 17 = 21 and 80 20 it being the sum of the  
 amount and which amount is the sum of the  
 debt is paid and also 20 24 being the sum of  
 from the above for one third of the whole estate  
 before the debts were paid and taken out of the  
 we reject \$16 75 - just three of the balance which is  
 9 8 dollars as above

J. S. & Co

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## PROPERTY SEARCH PUT ON HOLD

The real estate committee canvassed the whole Hacker's Creek watershed area in search of a site which we might consider purchasing for further development. A summary of the report will be published in the next issue. The conclusion was that land purchases are not advisable at this time. Land aquisition is a small step in a vast project which seems to be impossible for us to pursue. Such items as access roads, waterlines, gas lines, septic systems, insurance, taxes, and security costs are a few of the considerations to be dealt with.

When the state of the economy in West Virginia is in such critical condition, our hopes for monetary help are faint at best.

## A VISIT TO THE WESTON HOSPITAL

In December a crew of HCPD members visited the Weston Hospital to meet with Ms. Marge Carr, Coordinator of Volunteer Services, to examine materials she had collected for preservation. The Materials were stored in a 4th floor location which much to our discomfort was unheated.

Maybe some members don't realize that the Hospital is the largest hand cut stone building in the United States with super-thick walls. It was interesting to see, but br-br-br:

Although we spent some time searching, through old patient logs and aged correspondence, we felt that the material we had hoped to copy for our library had been removed.

Some had gone to Charleston, and some just "disappeared" an unfortunate occurence with most public institutions that undergo constant change.

We thank Ms. Carr for her interest in our Society and hope that some day her dream of a museum in a wing of the hospital will become a reality.

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SUNDAY EXPONENT-TELEGRAM, SUNDAY MORNING,

## INTERESTING RECOLLECTIONS OF EARLY CLARKSBURGERS

By WILBUR C. MORRISON

JUNE 17, 1928.

A visit to the tomb of Ira Hart in the Odd Fellows' cemetery here reminds one of an incident in the life of Mr. Hart of historical value. He was indicted just before the Civil war for receiving and reading the New York Tribune, then edited by Horace Greeley, who used the columns of the newspaper to urge the abolition of slavery.

The indictment was returned here in 1859 by a Harrison county grand jury under instructions of the late Judge Gideon Draper Camden, assisted by the late Col. Benjamin Wilson, who was prosecuting attorney. William P. Hall, the only other reader of the Tribune here at the time, was also indicted at the same time along with Mr. Greeley himself.

The specific charge against Hart and Hall was "circulating" the Tribune, which was regarded as a seditious newspaper by the court. The manner in which they circulated the Tribune was in lending it to neighbors to read. The men were never brought to trial.

### Reverses Decision

Cyrus Vance, postmaster, refused Hart the use of the mails, but the postmaster general reversed him.

Ten years later Mr. Greeley was a guest of Mr. Hart on his visit here to make an address at the Clarksburg fair. He was received as a distinguished visitor and Judge Camden introduced him at the fair.

Mr. Hart was born May 11, 1825, in Clarksburg. He died August 10, 1879, of injuries received when he was thrown from his buggy when his horse ran away on West Main street just east of its junction with West Pike street. He was the grandfather of William Hart, of Hart terrace, West Locust avenue. He built the octagon house which stood many years on an eminence in Point Comfort.

Mrs. Mary Neely Hart, his wife, was an ancestral relative of Mansfield M. Neely, United States senator. Born November 20, 1825, she died January 11, 1893. Their daughter, Mary Neely Hart, born January 28, 1857, died May 1, 1908. She was one of the first practitioners of osteopathy in this county.

### Elmore Hart

Elmore Hart, father of Ira Hart, born January 8, 1795, died February 24, 1880. His wife was Betitia Hart. They lived where the James F. Allen home is now in Point Comfort in a house that was long since razed. There was a big oak tree in front of the house.

In the Bogges section of the cemetery is the last resting place of Caleb Bogges, prominent local lawyer, who as a member of the Virginia convention voted April 17, 1861, against the ordinance of secession. He lived in Lewis county at the time. He was born April 29, 1822, dying April 14, 1889. He married Elizabeth Ann Camden who, born June 6, 1826, died February 8, 1889.

Sallio C. Bogges, born May 31, 1861, died when 14 years old. Draper C. Bogges, born September 15, 1871, died when 19 years of age.

### T. S. Spates

Thomas S. Spates, merchant and railroad builder, was born in 1831 in Montgomery county, Md. In 1851 he was a railroad contractor in Taylor county. The next year he was a contractor on the Northwestern Virginia Railroad, now the Parkersburg branch of the Baltimore and Ohio system, and was located in Harrison county. After that he did contract work on the main part of the railroad system between Cumberland and Wheeling.

From 1858 to the close of the Civil war Mr. Spates was in the express office here. He and his two sons, "Gus" and Cecil Spates, then engaged in merchandising, conducting a leading drygoods store on Main street many years. At the same time he gave his attention to bridge and other contracting.

In political life, he served as mayor of the city, as member of the city council and as United States commissioner. In 1887 he was grand master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for West Virginia. He was a director in the Merchants' National and West Virginia banks and president of the latter institution from 1869 to 1886. As a Republican he served as a member of the House of Delegates in 1873-4. He took an active interest in the "old fair," and was its treasurer a number of years.

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Mrs. Lovina Davis, wife of James P. Davis, born January 7, 1836, died February 4, 1918. Mr. Davis, who was the owner of a bookstore on Main street, was born January 5, 1832. He died March 14, 1884. He was the father of Charles Davis, 544 West Main street.

### William Hursey

William L. Hursey, a brother of Elmer B. Hursey, was born June 13, 1824. He died January 10, 1892. He was engaged in the insurance business, and lived where the Catholic Daughters have their club room near the Clarksburg Baptist church. His wife, Mary E. Hursey, was a sister of Mrs. Elmer Hursey. She was born September 11, 1838, and died May 13, 1916. The women were sisters of James P. Davis.

Mrs. Jenima P. Davisson, wife of George B. Davisson, died October 25, 1865, in the seventy-first year of her age.

Mrs. Charlotte Davisson, wife of Granville G. Davisson and a daughter of Richard Despard, Sr., who was the great grandfather of Guy D. Goff, United States senator, was born May 28, 1817. She died February 25, 1851. Her husband served as clerk of the circuit court a number of years. He was an ancestor of Dr. Sydney Post, of Romine's Mills, and Leroy Phillips, of this city.

### Charles Phillips

Charles W. Phillips, born in 1820, died in 1897. His wife, Mrs. Julia A. Davisson Phillips, born in 1830, died in 1904. They were the parents of Mrs. Emma Holden, of West Milford, and Leroy Phillips.

Edgar M. Davisson, whose grandfather, Daniel Davisson, was one of the first settlers in Clarksburg, and who owned the land on which the older part of Clarksburg now stands, was born March 4, 1815. He died August 30, 1895. Edgar M. Davisson was a son of George B. Davisson and Jenima Pindle Davisson, who was a daughter of Thomas Pindle and a brother of James Pindle, who was one of the most noted men of his day, being an able lawyer and a member of Congress.

Serving as deputy clerk of the circuit court under his brother, Granville, Edgar M. Davisson also practiced law and was a man of affairs. He married Miss Louisa B. Lewis, of Nashville, Tenn., in 1853. She died in 1887. He married Miss Anna Davisson, of Weston, his grand-niece, in 1889.

Mrs. L. May Flowers, born December 11, 1866, died November 7, 1923. She was the wife of Dr. Arthur O. Flowers, 619 Mulberry avenue, and a sister of Ernest L. Pigott, of Shinnston, former county assessor. She was well known for her activity in temperance work.

**Lee H. Vance**

Lee H. Vance, former postmaster and Democratic editor, son of the late Col. John C. Vance, was born June 29, 1861. He died October 19, 1901. His mother, Mrs. Amelia Horner Vance, an aunt of Vance L. Horner, president of the county court, was born July 2, 1836. She died October 6, 1896. There is no marker for Col. Vance except the footstone.

Cyrus Vance, father of Col. John C. Vance, died August 10, 1875. His parents lived in Fayette county, Pa., at the time. He came to Clarksburg in 1829 and followed the occupation of saddler. He married Miss Minerva S. Davis, daughter of Caleb and Mary Davis, of Clarksburg, and moved to Pruntytown in 1842, remaining there until 1853, when they moved to Wheeling, as he had been appointed postal agent on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad by President Franklin Pierce. They lived there until 1858, when President James Buchanan appointed him postmaster at Clarksburg. He continued to hold the position until 1863 under President Lincoln when he resigned.

**Member of Assembly**

Active in politics as a Democrat, Cyrus Vance was elected in 1852 a member of the Virginia Assembly, and he was mayor of Clarksburg five times, a position he was filling at the time of his death. He held state positions in the Odd Fellows' fraternity and was a colonel of militia and captain of a volunteer company, which he raised in 1847 for the Mexican

war, but was not called into service.

While he was residing at Pruntytown, his only two children were born, Elizabeth A., May 7, 1833, and John C., November 28, 1835. Elizabeth became the wife of Capt. George J. Stealey. She died August 23, 1870.

In 1861, John V. Vance was elected to the Virginia legislature. The Civil war having begun he went to Wheeling and served in what was known as the legislature of the reorganized government of Virginia. In 1863, Mr. Vance, not approving of the course of the administration, resigned his seat in the legislature and was shortly after arrested and imprisoned in Fort McHenry near Baltimore, Md.

**Bank Cashier**

Col. John C. Vance was cashier of the West Virginia bank a number of years and served as city councilman, recorder and mayor at various times. He held high state office in Odd Fellowship. He was a regent of the state university in 1891-2. He died in Georgia where his son, Earl, the only surviving member of his family, now lives, and his body was brought home for burial. His mother, born September 19, 1810, died October 6, 1886. John Carl Vance, a son, who served as postmaster here under President Wilson, was born October 18, 1872. He died December 19, 1922.

**Harry L. Gore**

Harry L. Gore, whose tombstone stands, alone so far as the name is concerned, died September 4, 1906, aged 19 years, eight months and four days. There is nothing showing to whose family he belonged.

William H. Wires, born June 10, 1844, died April 30, 1885.

Jane Steen, born June 12, 1801, died November 19, 1871.

Rosa E. Steel, born in 1866, died in 1921.

Mrs. Joanna Hite Steel, born March 15, 1834, died October 23, 1904. She was the wife of John R. Steel, born March 27, 1834, and died September 26, 1915. Mr. Steel ran a flouring mill many years at Point Comfort, where he lived at the time and engaged also in floating logs down the river. He brought many massive rafts down the West Fork river. In later years he served as city treasurer and lived on West Pike street near the old Anchor mills in his last days. They were the parents of Mrs. Lucy S. Grumbine, of 748 Locust avenue.

**Ernest Steel**

A son, Ernest Steel, born in 1864, died in 1915. At one time he was connected with the city fire department, when the department had its station in the rear of what is now the Chicago dairymen's store, and when horses were used to propel the fire apparatus.

H. A. Steel, an ex-member of Company "C," 1st West Virginia Infantry, died in the Spanish war.

**Miller Family**

Andrew K. Miller, of Moatsville, possesses a Bible that has been handed down from his grandparents. It was printed and published by M. Carey, of Philadelphia, in 1813.

The record of births follows: Andrew Miller (First), February 25, 1760; Sarah Miller, January 11, 1766; John Miller, September 25, 1786; Mary Miller, March 5, 1789; Elizabeth Miller, February 27, 1793; Andrew Miller, August 17, 1794; Susanaha Miller, September 6, 1797; Sarah Miller, February 7, 1800.

Andrew Miller (Second), April 17, 1794; Hester Poling Miller, July 1795; Sarah Miller, May 25, 1844; Elizabeth Miller, July 27, 1846; Susanaha Miller, January 29, 1849; Lucinda Miller, April 18, 1851; Mary Miller, September 17, 1853; Andrew K. Miller, December 17, 1855.

Andrew K. Miller (Third), April 17, 1853; Sophia St

barger Miller, February 3, 1860; Theodore K. Miller, October 27, 1881; Mattie Miller, March 29, 1883; Ada Grace Miller, March 25, 1885; Andrew B. Miller, April 18, 1886; George L. Miller, January 15, 1888; Floyd Miller, March 22, 1890; Bradford Miller, March 15, 1893; Goldie Miller, January 22, 1894; Benjamin Miller, November 18, 1895; Arisce Miller, September 25, 1897, and Ruth Jane Miller, January 9, 1901.

SUNDAY EXPONENT-TELEGRAM, SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 17, 1932.

# Bibles Probably 300 Years Old Revealed In Report By Residents of Local Region

## Contest Sponsored by This Paper Brings Many Replies.

More than fifty Bibles, practically all of them over 100 years old and a few of them over 200 years old, have been entered in the old Bible contest conducted by the Exponent-Telegram.

It is an impossibility to determine as yet just which Bible is the oldest so far entered. However, among the oldest are those owned by Dr. W. C. DeForest, 421 Buckhannon avenue, this city, and Mrs. Grace Harding Chenoweth, also of Clarkburg. Both of these Bibles may be over 300 years old.

Entries will be received in the contest for one more week and the winner of the new Bible, offered as a prize for the oldest Bible entered, will be announced in The Exponent-Telegram, May 8.

From a genealogical standpoint, this old Bible contest will be of immense value, for practically all of the Bibles have family records of pioneer residents, records that could be found in no other place except the family Bible. If your family owns an old Bible, even if it is not as old as some already entered, you are invited to send in a description of it and a brief sketch about it will be published in next Sunday's Exponent-Telegram.

### DeForest Bible

The Bible owned by Dr. DeForest is believed to have been brought to this country when the DeForest family came to New Amsterdam, now New York, from the Netherlands in 1630. It is printed in the language of the Netherlands. The dates and words, "Jaren 1618 ende 1619" is found on the title page. In another place is printed "1718." The DeForests, French Huguenots, left their native land for Holland prior to coming to America. The first page of the family record in this Bible has been misplaced within recent years and the first date that now appears in the family record section is 1730. The first entry on the page now missing is dated 1630. Oak boards, leather encased and filled with a lock and key, originally covered the book but a part of the covering is gone now. It is, however, in a splendid state of preservation. It contains several pictures from wood cuts and in its entirety is a remarkable example of the printing art.

J. F. Blackson, Webster Springs,

Route 4, has a Bible that is "136 years old, maybe older."

Mrs. D. L. Dunbar, Hastings, Box 23, has a Bible printed in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1803, making it 129 years old.

J. A. Springer, Flemington, enters a Bible 143 years old. "I am inclined to believe that this will bring the prize," he writes.

John J. Lang, Bridgeport, Route 1, has a Bible that was in possession of the Lang family previous to 1802. It belonged to his great-grandfather, Simeon Lang, born Feb. 14, 1802, or 130 years ago. Mr. Lang writes: "Just how long the Lang family has owned this Bible I cannot say except from stories that have been handed down from one generation to another and these I cannot verify. Jesse Hamilton Lang, Simeon Lang's eldest son, would be 102 years old last December. Joseph J. Lang, my father, also son of Simeon Lang would be in his 96th year. So you see I need a new Bible."

Mrs. B. P. Holbert, Belington has a Bible 111 years old.

Two old Bibles, one printed in 1801 by special command of King James, I, of England, and the other printed in 1829, are the property of J. E. Weaver, Walkersville.

### From Virginia

over in "Ol' Virginia" entry from Mrs. Hattie England Sturts Draft, Route 1. This Bible was printed in 1837 and belongs to Mrs. J. D. England, Sturts Draft, Va.

Another Bible with publication date in Roman numerals, MDCCXXXIII, (1873) is owned by Luther A. Board, Mt. Clare, R. F. D. Box 123. It has been handed down from generation to generation. It was printed at Oxford, Eng., by John Baskett, printer to the University.

One of the most interesting Bibles entered so far belongs to Guy E. Wyant, Orlando. It is printed in German and was handed down to Mr. Wyant by his grandfather, Isaac Wyant. Just how old it is will be hard to determine, but possibly it was printed 200 years or more ago. Mr. Wyant says of it: "Some of the names and dates have entirely faded or so nearly faded that they cannot be read. The oldest names and dates that can be read distinctly are: Sara Wyant, Jan. 8, 1762, and John Wyant, Aug. 15, 1787. There is a whole family record ranging from 1787 to 1805 with about 100 years of history."

Miss Ella Clifton, 111 Mulberry avenue, Weston, owns two old Bibles. One, written in German, Miss Clifton thinks, was printed before 1700. It has pictures of Martin Luther and wife — very crude pictures, but interesting. The other is dated 1791. It was printed in Worcester, Mass. This nation was in its infancy then and the printer appeals to patriotism — "Congratulations to the American people for the condition of the country and hopes that they will give this edition a preference over those imported from abroad."

### 1830 Price—60 Cents

G. N. Wolfe, Harrisville, owns a Bible dated 1829. On the inside cover is written "John Wolfe, Jr., his book, price 60 cents. Bought Nov. 6, 1830." This Bible belonged to the present owner's father and was handed down to the son.

Lewis T. Ehret, 985 West Pike street, this city, has a Bible printed in 1828, 104 years ago.

Ellen R. Ross, Wilsonburg, has a Bible 150 years old.

A Bible stereotyped by B. & J. Collins, New York, in 1818, is the property of Mrs. Maude Jones, Pennsboro, Route 3.

Mrs. Ross King, Weston Route 5, has a Bible which was handed down from her great-grandfather, the Rev. Arch McQueen, Baptist minister, to her grandfather, Arch McQueen, then of Scotland. The latter came to America and brought the Bible with him. Before he died he gave it to Mrs. King's father, C. A. McQueen, who is now 82 years old. "It must be 150 or 175 years old, but we do not know the exact age," Mrs. King asserts. It is one of the first King James versions and is bound in genuine calf skin.

"I have a Bible that is about 175 years old, as near as I can tell," Miss Evelyn Bussey, Reynoldsville, says.

Mrs. W. H. Hauser, 205 Walnut street, Philippi, has a Bible published in 1818 by Mathew Carey of Philadelphia.

Lewis Butcher, Weston, Route 5, owns a Bible which was given to him by his mother and which is dated 1830.

Mrs. Mary Fletcher, Bristol, Box 25, owns a Bible dated April 17, 1818, stereotyped by D. and G. Bruce, New York.

Gazelle Rusk Boetticher, 34 Meade street, Buckhannon, has a Bible which belonged to her father, the late B. F. Rusk and which was published by Reeds and Baldwin in London.

was an old Bible the exact age of which he cannot determine as there are no dates in it. "It is known as the King James version and was translated out of the original language by his command and was to be read in all the churches. Now if we can go back to the reign of King James of England, it seems to me it would be easy to establish its age," Mr. Blackson writes.

Mrs. Florence Armstrong Conrad, of Shinnston, is the owner of a Bible printed in 1821 and sold by W. Greenough, Lunenburg, Mass. Mrs. Conrad calls attention to the use of the letter "f" in place of "s" in the book. "Son" is written "fon" she writes. This Bible was owned by her grandfather, the late Samuel Channel, Randolph county.

#### First Entry

The first entry received in the contest was from Mrs. Okey McWhorter, of McWhorter, who has a Bible published in 1829. It belonged to her great-grandmother Grimes and was handed down to a daughter, Mrs. Nutter, then to Mrs. Nutter's daughter, Mrs. Wagner, and finally to Mrs. Wagner's daughter, Mrs. Jacobs. The latter was formerly Mrs. Dora Wagner. It has a list of births and deaths in the family to the present time.

Mrs. R. B. Phillips, 469 Washington avenue, this city, owns a Bible dated in Roman numerals, DCCCXCIII, or 1793, making it 94 years old. It was published in Edinburgh, Scotland, by Marx and Sons, Kerr, "His Majesty's Printers." It has been handed for several generations of the Phillips family and contains a list of births and deaths.

Mrs. Sarah J. Smyth, Sutton, has a Bible that is around 50 years old, she says. It belonged to her great-grandmother who gave it to Mrs. Smyth's daughter when she was but a little girl. She is now 55 years old.

Mrs. Henry Alexander, of Buckhannon, Route 5, owns a Bible printed in 1811 at Philadelphia, Pa., by Matthew Carey.

"I have a Bible that has been in my family for 122 years and I don't know how much longer," Mrs. Minnie Swiger Harmer, of Bridgeport, writes. "These words are written in the front of the Bible, 'John Swiger's Bible, January 22, 1810. George Swiger's hand and pen.'" John Swiger was Mrs. Harmer's great-grandfather and was born April 25, 1761. George Swiger was John Swiger's son and was born March 6, 1795. Possibly the Bible is much older than 122 years.

#### Woodyard Bible

Another interesting Bible which contains a record of births and deaths of the Woodyard family for several generations beginning in 1794 is owned by Mrs. Earl Rector, Lost Creek. The Bible was printed by Harvey Wilbur of New York in 1825. The first Woodyard whose name appears in the Bible was born Nov. 25, 1794, was married Nov. 4, 1814, and died Aug. 31, 1847. The Rector family came by the Bible through an uncle by marriage.

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their ages. Besides these dates there are family papers, put there for 'safe keeping,' I suppose, that date back in 1700 and early 1800. The Wyants were originally German, coming to America in Colonial days. The name has undergone many changes in spelling—Weyendth, Weyand, Wiand, Wiond, Wiont, Wiant and Wyant being some. I presume this old Bible belonged to some of our ancestors who came to America, possibly was brought with them. At least it was much used before they learned to speak and read English."

#### Bee Swarm Recorded

Back in Pioneer days a bee swarm was an event to be recorded, as shown by the notation, "Jan. 7, 1838, my bees swarmed and settled on the bee hive house." That notation is written on the fly leaf of a Bible owned by O. P. Weekley, Morgansville. The Bible was among Mr. Weekley's mother's books. It belonged to a Martin family. There are several dates in it including the birth dates of the Martins. It has "H. M. Martin's Bible" written plainly. The copyright date is 1829 and some of the birth dates are as early as 1830.

Grace Harding Chenoweth, Clarksburg, writes that her family owns a Bible printed in 1637, making it nearly 300 years old. It belonged to Mrs. Chenoweth's father, the late Wright C. Harding. Recently Mrs. Chenoweth sent it to her father's sister in Ohio.

Mrs. Birdie Gregory, 131 Barbour street, Buckhannon, has a Bible that it over 150 years old to the best of her knowledge. It belonged to her great-grandfather, Joseph Mitchell, was handed down to his daughter, Bell Mitchell Boylen, then to her son, Joseph Boylen, and then to his daughter, Mrs. Birdie Boylen Mitchell, the present owner.

Records of the Ryan family back to 1792 are contained in a Bible owned by Mrs. L. G. Zinn, Philippi, Box 4, Route 4. It first belonged to Michael D. Ryan. It was printed in 1829 and is a copy of an edition translated out of the original manuscripts, according to the record in it.

#### Homemade Cover

Another reminder of Pioneer days is the deerskin cover on a Bible, 112 years old, owned by Mrs. Melvin D. Lough, 190 East Main street, Salem. It was the property of Mrs. Lough's grandfather, Thomas W. Estlack. He killed a deer and covered the Bible with its hide.

Nine shillings was the price paid back in 1812 for a Bible now owned by Harriet Thrash, Good Hope. It was printed in 1806 at Philadelphia and bought Nov. 13, 1812. She also owns a Testament printed in 1827.

Thelma Douglas, 1623 Goff avenue, this city has a Bible published by Mathew Carey and Son at Philadelphia in 1818.

W. F. King, Oakland, Md., has a Bible printed in 1827, 105 years ago.

Mrs. George E. Francis, Box 142, Nutter Fort, owns a Bible published in 1807 by Jacob Johnson and Kimber Conrad & Co., Philadelphia.

#### Won Calico Dress

Sixty years ago a ten-year-old Barbour county lassie was promised a calico dress if she would read the Testament part of the family Bible through. She got the dress and now she owns that same Bible. She is Mrs. S. C. Jennings, 70, of 118 Pocahontas street, Buckhannon. "I would be safe in saying," Mrs. Jennings writes, "that this Bible is from 120 to 150 years old. It was my great-grandmother Woodford's Bible. I am a child of an old pioneer family of Barbour county. The first settlers fought the panthers while they boiled sugar water on Taylors drain and Pleasant creek. My parents would be over 100 years old if they were living now. I am going down in to 70, next to the youngest of eleven children. My grandmother and grandfather Talbott would be over 150 now. I do not know the exact age of the Bible. . . . I have two grandchildren, which would be the fifth generation." She also has an old linsey quilt which belonged to her mother.

John Haselden, pioneer settler of Browns creek, brought a Bible with him when he settled in that section in 1806. It is now owned by Mrs. Elizabeth O. Haselden, Mt. Clare. It was handed down from John Haselden to his son, Sherman, and from Sherman to his son, the late Martin Luther Haselden, husband of the present owner. Both backs and several pages are missing. The only date contained in it is Oct. 27, 1802. Mrs. Haselden also has a Bible published in 1829.

A Bible "at least 107 years old and probably older," is owned by I. F. Marsteller, Box 782, Elkins. It originally belonged to John and Mary Marsteller, born in 1801 and 1801, and contains a record of births back as far as 1762.

#### 201-Year-Old Bible

Mrs. A. N. Wooster, Alum Bridge, owns a German Bible which her parents brought from Germany. It bears the date, 1731, which would make it 201 years old.

Mrs. Myrtle F. George, Ashley, Doddridge county, has two Bibles, both over 100 years old. One, dated 1812, was handed down through her grandfather. The other belonged to her grandmother, who came from Virginia when a little girl. Both grandparents were residents of Harrison county where they died at an old age.

Byron Flory, Clarksburg, is owner of a Bible which is 99 years old and in splendid condition.

G. D. Griffin, Belington, has a Bible published in 1829 by Lincoln and Edmond, Boston, Mass.

Mrs. Mary E. Donohoe, Elkins, has a Bible given to her by her father, James O'Connor. It was printed in 1852.

The Bible that belonged to a captain in the war of 1812 is now the property of Mrs. T. F. Hornor, of Roanoke. Capt. William Friel, of Virginia, was the original owner of the Bible. Mrs. Hornor is his granddaughter. The records in it, though somewhat dimmed by age, are beautifully written. It was printed in Edinburgh in the year 1806 by D. Hunter Blair and J. Bruce, printers.

to the King's most excellent majesty."

Mrs. Arvilla Corathers, 106 Brown avenue, Weston, has a Bible which was handed down to her late husband, George H. Corathers. It was purchased February 14, 1829.

Records of the Cole family, dating from the year 1770 to 1832, are to be found in an old Bible, now the property of L. R. Corder, 722 East Main street, Clarksburg. The publication date, in Roman numerals, is partly torn out and it is impossible to ascertain the exact age of the old book. Joshua Cole, born in 1770, is the first name written in the family record. The Coles were pioneer settlers of Pleasant Creek, Barbour county. Joshua evidently was the son of William and Elizabeth Cole as on another page his name, along with Mary Cole, William Cole, Heziah Cole, Alice Cole, Elizabeth Cole, Nancy Cole, Johanna Cole, Sarah Cole, Joy Cole, Henry Cole, Sam Cole and Mary Cole are listed. Their birth dates range from 1770 to 1806. Names of William and Elizabeth Cole's grandchildren and other descendants are listed also. The Bible was handed down to Mr. Corder from his grandmother. Mr. Corder believes the Bible to be about 162 years old.

Birth dates of negro slaves are listed in a Bible more than 127 years old, now owned by Mrs. J. B. McClain, 200 Russell street, Fairmont. The Bible was bought in 1805 for \$3 by Zedekiah Swann, Mrs. McClain's grandfather. Mrs. McClain notes the peculiarity of printing found in most of the old Bibles, the letter "t" being used in place of "a."

J. C. McDermott, Enterprise, has a Bible printed in 1827. It is in good shape, "and is for sale," Mr. McDermott says.

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## Bibles Reveal Records Of Pioneer Families

Guy E. Wyant, Orlando, submits records of the Wyant family found in an old Bible now in his possession.

"In this old Bible," Mr. Wyant writes, "I presume there has been a family record on the first page but none of it is legible. On the second page there has been another. The names can be traced across the page about all the way down but none is legible but the name 'Isaac Weyant' and a few more dates and letters. The third page is similar to the second only the writing across the page can be traced more readily, yet only the name 'John Cornelipus' and capital letters can be read. On another page is a family record with only these names and a few letters and dates legible: Peter Wiant, born March 13, 17—; Celery Wiant, born Oct. 30, 1710; Sarah Wiant, born Sept. ——. Then farther down the page near the bottom, 'Sary Wiant, born Jan. 4, 1762'."

On another page of the Bible is this record:

John Wiant, Aug. 5, 1787; William Wiant, Dec. 16, 1791; Henry Wiant, March 1, 1794; Abraham Wiant, Feb. 15, 1796; Isaac Wiant, March 22, 1798; Elizabeth Wiant, April 3, 1800; Mary Wiant, May 24, 1802; Jacob Wiant, Oct. 15, 1805.

Mr. Wyant writes further:

"There were three brothers came into this part of the country sometime previous to 1830. Peter Wiant who settled on Leading creek, Lewis county; Jacob Wiant, in the Cedar creek section of Braxton and Gilmer, and another somewhere near Weston.

"Peter Wiant was our grandfather and it was from him that my father received this old Bible. Among his papers in this Bible is a letter from two of his brothers, Isaac and Abram Wiant, dated Feb. 4, 1832, from Montgomery county, Indiana. We know that he had a sister, Mary, who married a Sleith. By the absence of his name from the above record I can't tell whether it is his immediate family or not.

"Grandfather Peter Wyant was married twice, the last time to Susan McCubbin. His first children were James Wyant who died in the Civil War; Henry Wyant who married and lived in Pendleton county; and Sara Wyant. The last children were Isaac, William, Marshall, Frank, Elizabeth, Margaret, Malissa, all of whom are dead. My father, Isaac Wyant, died when I was a small boy so I have to depend upon inquiry and these old papers to enlighten me concerning my family."

W. F. Coleman, West Union, submits the following complete record of deaths and births contained in an old Bible which has been in the family for generations:

Births—Elizabeth Trollinger, Sept. 18, 1784; Catherine Trollinger, July 24, 1788; Marthalene Trollinger, April 3, 1790; Rosanna Trollinger, Jan. 27, 1792; Anna and Lydia, twins, Nov. 23, 1794; Samuel, June 3, 1794; Jacob, Nov. 16, 1798; George, March 27, 1800;

Sarah, Nov. 12, 1801, born dead; Anna, Feb. 10, 1804; Joseph, Sept. 27, 1800; Ceaney, Sept. 2, 1808; Samuel Peterick, April 10, 1815; Rebecca, daughter of Ceaney Trollinger; deaths—Samuel Trollinger, May 16, 1799; Catherine Trollinger, July 26, 1815; Jacob Trollinger, Aug. 31, 1831; Anna Christeny Trollinger, July 7, 1840.

Otho Coleman and Rebecca Trollinger were married Sept. 28, 1848.

Birth records of their children are as follows:

William F., Nov. 2, 1858; James E., Jan. 18, 1861; Russell K., Feb. 28, 1863; Francis E., April 12, 1865; Cora A., March 30, 1867; Mathalene, Dec. 22, 1849; Alva, March 9, 1852; John Lewis, Jan. 16, 1854; Floyd F., July 1, 1851.

Otho Coleman, who was born Jan. 20, 1829, died April 12, 1874 and his wife, Rebecca Trollinger Coleman, died Feb. 22, 1886. John Lewis Coleman died July 20, 1855. Alva Coleman died July 26, 1855. Freeman Coleman died in January 1915. Laura Alice Coleman died July 5, 1877.

# News From Exponent-

## *First Bible Records Published; Prize Winners to Be Announced In Exponent-Telegram July 2*

Prize winners in the Exponent-Telegram Bible record contest will be announced in next Sunday's paper.

Entries in the contest will close tonight at midnight. If you haven't sent in the records from your old Bible, write them out today and mail them before midnight tonight. Entries postmarked before midnight will be eligible to compete for prizes. All other entries will be accepted and the records will be published in the Exponent-Telegram, but those received after midnight tonight will not be eligible for prizes.

Records from more than fifty old Bibles have been received to date.

All of these records will be published in the Sunday Exponent-Telegram. A few of the records will be published each Sunday, until all have been completed. If you have sent in records and they are not in today's issue, do not be disappointed as they will be published later.

If you have not sent in the records from your family Bible, do so at once.

### Workinger Family

C. J. Workinger, of Salem, submits the record for the Workinger family. It is contained in a Bible published by M. Carey, 121 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, in 1814.

The record of births follows: Jacob Workinger, son of Herman and Mary Workinger, September 11, 1779; Elizabeth Workinger, wife of Jacob and daughter of Valentine and Snyder, May 28, 1782; Mary, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Workinger, October 16, 1801; Eva Elizabeth Workinger, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Workinger, April 7, 1803; William, son of Jacob and Elizabeth Workinger, September 30, 1804; Henry, son of Jacob and Elizabeth Workinger, August 23, 1806; Jacob, son of Jacob and Elizabeth Workinger, March 29, 1808; William, son of William and Sarah Workinger, July 6, 1854; William Edgar, son of William and Elizabeth Workinger, January 27, 1883; Emma Elizabeth, daughter of William and Elizabeth Workinger, November 16, 1886; Gracie, daughter of William and Elizabeth Workinger, March 5, 1889; Paul Eugene, son of William and Elizabeth Workinger, November 20, 1891; Calvin Jerome, son of William and Elizabeth Workinger, October 2, 1895; Ruth Esther Workinger, daughter of William and Elizabeth, March 1, 1900; Paul John, son of Paul

family. It is contained in a Bible published by M. Carey, 121 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, in 1814.

The record of births follows: Jacob Workinger, son of Herman and Mary Workinger, September 11, 1779; Elizabeth Workinger, wife of Jacob and daughter of Valentine and Snyder, May 28, 1782; Mary, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Workinger, October 16, 1801; Eva Elizabeth Workinger, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Workinger, April 7, 1803; William, son of Jacob and Elizabeth Workinger, September 30, 1804; Henry, son of Jacob and Elizabeth Workinger, August 23, 1806; Jacob, son of Jacob and Elizabeth Workinger, March 29, 1808; William, son of William and Sarah Workinger, July 6, 1854; William Edgar, son of William and Elizabeth Workinger, January 27, 1883; Emma Elizabeth, daughter of William and Elizabeth Workinger, November 16, 1886; Gracie, daughter of William and Elizabeth Workinger, March 5, 1889; Paul Eugene, son of William and Elizabeth Workinger, November 20, 1891; Calvin Jerome, son of William and Elizabeth Workinger, October 2, 1895; Ruth Esther Workinger, daughter of William and Elizabeth, March 1, 1900; Paul John, son of Paul and Amelia F. Workinger, October 25, 1922; William Thomas

son of Calvin Jerome and Lena Catherine Workinger, born at Millidgeville, Ga., October 21, 1926; and Nancy Anne, daughter of Calvin Jerome and Lena Catherine Workinger, May 2, 1928.

The marriages include: Jacob Workinger and Elizabeth Snyder, November 2, 1800; William Workinger and Sarah Carroll, September 16, 1853; William Workinger and Elizabeth Schenkle, March 21, 1880; Paul Eugene Workinger and Amelia F. Snyder, November 27, 1922; and Calvin Jerome Workinger and Lena Catherine Pepper, October 2, 1923.

The deaths have been: Elizabeth Workinger, wife of Jacob, September 11, 1827; Jacob, son of Jacob and Elizabeth Workinger, October 3, 1827; Jacob, son of Herman and Mary Workinger, November 28, 1856; Sarah Carroll Workinger, wife of William, January 3, 1863; William, son of Jacob and Elizabeth Workinger, March 2, 1872; and William, son of William and Elizabeth Schenkle Workinger, July 10, 1896.

### McQueen Family

Mrs. Hattie Cornwell Dakon, of Route 2, Bristol, owns a Bible which was published by the James Brothers and Company in 1870. Many of the records were copied from an older Bible. The records follow:

Strother McQueen, born February 14, 1780; Lucy P. Yates, McQueen, the wife of Strother McQueen, born November 4, 1789; Martha Middleton McQueen, daughter of Strother and Lucy Yates McQueen, born November 17, 1812; George W. McQueen, born July 4, 1814; Boswell M. McQueen, born July 7, 1820; John B. McQueen, born October 15, 1818; Sarah Bead McQueen, born December 15, 1822; Harriette Rector McQueen, born April 11, 1826; James S. McQueen, born April 7, 1828; William E. McQueen, born June 21, 1830.

Harriette Rector McQueen, of Little Washington, Va., and P. B. Cornwell, also of Little Washington, were married December 21, 1840; Lucy V. Cornwell and Braxton Kendall were married December 20, 1866; Georgiana Cornwell and James Peyton were married April 21, 1874; James Strother

Cornwell was married to Virginia Lyons, May 4, 1880; Edwin A. Cornwell was married December 20, 1882, to Nevada Atkinson; Robert E. L. Cornwell was married August 8, 1908, to Amanda Miller.

Births follows: P. B. Cornwell, Rector Cornwell, born April 11, 1826; Edwina C. Cornwell, born January 9, 1843; Lucy V. Cornwell, born July 13, 1945; Georgiana Cornwell, born April 16, 1851; Charles W. Cornwell, June 16, 1853; James S. Cornwell, March 3, 1856; Edwin A. Cornwell, June 26, 1858; Mary L. Cornwell, September 17, 1860; Robert E. L. Cornwell, March 31, 1863; Benjamin F. Cornwell, May 30, 1866.

Deaths are: Edwina, daughter of P. B. and Harriette R. Cornwell, December 2, 1856; Charles W. Cornwell, October 16, 1872; Mary Luida Cornwell, April 3, 1892; Peyton B. Cornwell, January 17, 1894; Sarah L. Whorton, March 10, 1900; Edwin A. Cornwell, August 16, 1900; Nevada, wife of Edwin A. Cornwell, January 20, 1898; and Harriette R. McQueen Cornwell, May 29, 1908.

#### Youst Family

Mrs. Martha Evans Barrett, of Middlebourne, owns a Bible that was published in 1811 by Carlton Phillips and Z. Phillips of 200 Mulberry street, New York City.

The Bible is twelve inches long and nine inches wide. Its first owners were Lemuel and Mary Dudley Youst. After their deaths it was passed on to a son, Emory D. Youst, who was an uncle of the present owner.

The births as listed in the book follow: Lemuel Youst, born March 5, 1810, in Marion county, West Virginia; Mary Dudley Youst, born September 10, 1801, at Bethel, Marion county; Roanna Youst, born August 2, 1835, at Dunkard Mill Run, Marion county; Margaret S. Youst, born March 25, 1857, at Dunkard Mill Run; and Emory D. Youst, born September 26, 1857, at Dunkard Mill Run.

Baptisms include: Lemuel Youst, 1839; Mary Dudley Youst, 1815; Roanna and Margaret S. Youst, 1839; and Emory D. Youst, (blank). Marriages are: Lemuel

Youst and Mary Dudley, October 31, 1834; Coleman Morris and Roanna Youst, May 1, 1856; Alfred C. Evans and Margaret S. Youst, December 14, 1856, and Emory D. Youst and Margaret Pitzer, June 1, 1859. Deaths are: Roanna Morris, daughter of Lemuel and Mary Dudley Youst, February 3, 1857; Mary Dudley Youst, May 2, 1874; Lemuel Youst, April 21, 1881; Emory D. Youst, son of Lemuel and Mary Dudley Youst, August 5, 1903; and Margaret S. Evans, daughter of Lemuel and Mary Dudley Youst, April 17, 1927, at age of 90 years and 23 days.

The following is part of the record of the Samuel Dudley family, all the members of which were born in Marion county:

Births—Samuel Dudley, February 21, 1763; Margaret Dudley, January 17, 1784; Elias Dudley, August 1, 1802; Mary, Dudley, September 10, 1804; Katherine Dudley, (2nd), October 18, 1806; Samuel Dudley, (2nd), October 2, 1810; Margaret Dudley, (2nd), June 4, 1813; William Dudley, December 25, 1815; John Dudley, April 8, 1818; Eliza Dudley, June 10, 1820; and Guilford Dudley, September 26, 1829. Deaths—Elias Dudley, October 7, 1805; and Samuel Dudley (2nd), October 18, 1811.

#### Sturm Family

F. S. Sturm, of Shinnston, has a rather unique old family Bible which was purchased between 1830 and 1835 from a publishing company in Philadelphia, Pa., by the late F. S. Sturm, a pioneer resident in Harrison county.

The purchaser held the Bible for about fifty years, after which the late Mary A. Sturm kept it for thirty-two years. The present owner has had it eighteen years.

The family record in this Bible follows:

F. S. Sturm, born March 5, 1816; Celia R. Sturm, born November 30, 1815; Mary A. Sturm, born March 11, 1817; Rose V. Sturm, born March 2, 1819; Napoleon J. Sturm, born August 30, 1855; Edgar J. Sturm, born August 30, 1855; Frederick W. Sturm, born September 1, 1859; Lydia Griffin Sturm, born February 21, 1860; Jesse M. Sturm, born November 1, 1884; Clarence E. Sturm, born April 10, 1887; Roy F. Sturm, born January 12, 1889; Ralph J. Sturm, born July 15, 1891; Henry C. Sturm, born January 10, 1899; Carl B. Sturm, born November 21, 1893; Eneby Sturm, born May 9, 1840; Ruhama E. Tetrick Sturm, born February 5, 1856; Sybil G. Sturm, born February 5, 1882; Alma D. Sturm, born September 26, 1883; Ella P. Sturm, born May 30, 1885; Felix L. Sturm, born March 13, 1887; Ray E. Sturm, born January 27, 1893; Maudella V. Sturm, born December 2, 1864; Virginia L. Martin, born September 14, 1867; and Ella M. Martin, born August 16, 1869.

Marriages included in its record are: F. S. Sturm and C. R. Wamsley, May 10, 1838; F. S. Sturm and Mary A. Griffin, November 21, 1854; E. J. Sturm and Ruhama E. Tetrick, April 27, 1881; F. W. Sturm and Lydia A. Griffin, October 25, 1882; F. W. Sturm and Maggie Sheets, December 2, 1900; F. W. Sturm and Rose J. Steel, March 9, 1922; and Napoleon J. Sturm and Emely B. Roberts, January, 1862.

The deaths include: Celia R. Sturm, August 23, 1863; N. J. Sturm, November 29, 1868; F. S. Sturm, February 17, 1882; N. V. Martin, January 11, 1888; Jessie May Sturm, March 27, 1896; Henry C. Sturm, August 21, 1899; Lydia A. Sturm, September 19, 1899; Maggie A. Sturm, July 8, 1921; and Mary A. Sturm, June 3, 1897.

#### Fidler Family

Harry C. Fidler, of Elkwater, has a Bible that contains history for five generations of the family. Pages for one of the generations are now missing. The Bible was published in 1816 by the American Bible Society at New York. The Bible measures four and one-half by six inches.

The record follows: Elmyra J. (Hefner) Hitchcock, born June 8, 1807; Steward Hitchcock, born May 28, 1812; Steward Heater, born December 21, 1827, and died June 4, 1909; and Isabel Hefner, born October 31, 1837, and died March 11, 1885.

Stewart Heater and Isabel Hefner, married November 26, 1856; Alice A. Heater, born December 28, 1858; Mary E. Heater, born January 25, 1860, and died October 7, 1923; Jefferson Davis Heater, born August 31, 1861, and died December 2, 1883; Nancy E. Heater, born June 3, 1863, and died November 6, 1929; Porter L. Heater, born March 18, 1865, and died August 28, 1895; Warren J. Heater, born February 13, 1867; Homer Heater, born July 11, 1869, and died in May, 1931; Florentz Heater, born December 12, 1872, and died May 23, 1900; Rose Heater, born May 12, 1874, and died March 15, 1929; Emsy Ellen Heater, born November 24, 1876; Effie Armita Heater, born November 12, 1881; Thomas J. Sandy, son of Alice A. Heater Sandy, born October 18, 1879; and Geneva B. Heater, born June 18, 1889. Effie A. Heater married Garfield Fidler June 14, 1901. They are the parents of Harry C. Fidler.

#### Manter and Look

The Rev. O. P. McNeil, of Sutton, has a Bible that was published in 1893. He bought the book in Wirt county in 1909. Allen Look, the owner of the book there, told him that it originally came from Massachusetts. The records deal with the Manter and Look families.

Jonathan Manter and Sarah Chase were married November 15, 1755. Their children and the date of their births are as follows: Parnal Manter, September 5, 1757; Rhoda Manter, January 1, 1760; Sarah Manter, July 9, 1762; Waitstill Manter, November 30, 1764; Peggy Manter, April 15, 1767; Jonathan Manter, Jr., April 30, 1768; George Manter, April 7, 1772; Rebecca Manter, September 14, 1774; Thomas Manter, February 12, 1777; Parnal Manter, September 24, 1779; and Peter Manter, October 11, 1782. Deaths in the family were: Parnal Manter, July 13, 1778; George Manter, September 30, 1787; Peggy Prension, July 11, 1807; Jonathan Manter, April 11, 1820; Thomas Manter, March 13, 1821; Sarah Manter, June 30, 1822; Parnal Newcomb, July 4, 1842; Rhoda Baxter, December 28, 1843; Waitstill Athearn, April 5, 1848; Rebecca Downs, June 16, 1849; Jonathan Manter, March 19, 1854; and Sybil Look, July 23, 1890.

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# Lumberport Woman Takes Bible Contest Award On Longest List Of Records

**Mrs. Rogers Gets Prize, Has 188 Births and Deaths; Glenville Man Second.**

Mrs. Frances Stone Rogers, of Lumberport, and the Rev. O. P. McNeil, of Sulton, are the first-place winners in The Exponent-Telegram Old Bible Record contest.

Although the Bible entered by Mrs. Rogers contained the eldest record of any Bible entered, it was given first place for having the most records, the judges deeming it proper that a single entry should receive only one prize. It contains a total of 188 records of births and deaths. The other first-place Bible, entered by the Rev. Mr. McNeil, contains records of the family of Jonathan and Sarah Chase Manter, who were married in November, 1755.

The Bible entered by Worthy Davis, of Glenville, was winner of second place for containing the second largest number of entries. Mrs. John Tregullas, of Grafton, won second place for the second oldest entry.

Handsome new Bibles will be mailed immediately to the winners of first and second places in both classes.

Ten other prize winners, each to receive a three-months' subscription to either The Exponent or The Telegram, daily and Sunday, were selected from the list of nearly 60 entries. Winners of these prizes are requested to write to The Bible Contest Editor, care of The Exponent-Telegram, and specify which paper they prefer.

Winners of these ten prizes are as follows:

## Ten Other Prizes

For largest number of entries—Mrs. Ruth Hayes White, Jane Lew, third place; A. D. Talbott, Mt. Clear, Route 1, fourth place; Mrs. Roxie Carolyn St. Clair, Simpson, fifth place; Mary Louise Heflin, West Union, sixth place, and Gwendolyn Leggett, Oxford, seventh place.

For oldest records—Clara Regester Mich. Buckhannon, Route 1, first place, and place; Charles A. Sheets, 315 Myford street, Clarksville, second place, and Mrs. Martha Evans Barrett, Middlebourne, seventh place.

All records received in the contest, and others received since the contest closed June 25, will be published in The Exponent-Telegram. Persons having old family records taken from family Bibles or other records, are invited to copy the

## PLEASE SEND IN RECORDS

Although entries closed June 25 in The Exponent-Telegram Bible record contest, persons having old family records are invited to send them to this newspaper for publication. There will be no prizes given for these late contributions.

The Sunday Exponent-Telegram wishes to express its appreciation to those who took part in the old Bible contest and while every one could not win one of the prizes offered, all entered into it with a spirit of seeing the best entries win.

It is believed that the appearance of these old records in print will create much interest in family history and while the contest is over we hope others who have records of this kind will send copies that we may publish them also.

births, marriages, deaths and other mementoes of interest and send them to The Exponent-Telegram Bible editor for publication. There will be no prizes given for these, however. But each individual sending any such family records will be given credit in the story for having furnished them. The copying and sending in records for publication is an excellent insurance against such records being destroyed entirely beyond recovery in case the original records are burned or otherwise destroyed.

Here are some of the records submitted in the contest:

## Parsons Family

Captain James Parsons, the first settler of Tucker county, is told of in an account given in by Miss Ruth Parsons, of Route 2, Parsons. Captain Parsons, whose home was originally in Moorefield, was captured by Indians along the South Branch of the Potomac. He escaped and wandered along Cheat river, which he thought to be the Potomac. Awed by the natural beauty of the section, he determined to settle there, and did so soon afterward.

At one time Captain Parsons owned all of the land between Parsons and St. George along Cheat river. Robert L., William and Thomas S. were the only three of his children who remained with him in Tucker county. Rufus M. and Cyrus H., twin sons of Thomas S., the only descendants in the county now, still live on the old farm.

The family record in the Bible, owned by Miss Parsons, follows:

James Parsons was united in marriage to Nancy Rust by the Rev.

Mr. Powers July 3, 1796. James Parsons was born October 15, 1772, and died August 21, 1859. Nancy Rust Parsons was born September 4, 1776, and died February 17, 1856. The record of their children follows: William R. Parsons was born May 31, 1798; Elizabeth Parsons, September 14, 1802; George Parsons, October 10, 1804; David Parsons, December 22, 1806; John Parsons, August 17, 1809; Robert L. and Abraham Parsons, twins, April 5, 1813, and Sarah Parsons, December 12, 1815.

## Simpson Family

Meryl Densmore, of Newburg, writes of a Bible owned by her mother, Mrs. Eliza Simpson Densmore, which was published in 1821, while James Monroe was president of the United States.

The book which measures seven by four inches, was published by W. Greenough in 1821 at Lunenburg, Mass. Since the date of publication it has been used by the descendants of David Simpson.

The children of Thomas L. Simpson and Mary Shaw Simpson, his wife, were: Mary Jane Simpson, born March 9, 1848; Alpheus Taylor Simpson, born November 25, 1846; Martha Ann Simpson, born August 17, 1850; Celia Lucretia Simpson, born November 6, 1853; Eliza Virginia Simpson, born April 20, 1855; James William Simpson, born November 5, 1860; and Sarah Thomas Simpson, born November 20, 1864.

Deaths are: Mary Jane Simpson, January 11, 1852; Jeremiah Turner Simpson, September 10, 1855; Thomas L. Simpson, December 9, 1864; Alpheus Taylor Simpson, March 7, 1872; Sarah Thomas



Simpson, August 30, 1888; Mary Shaw Simpson, January 29, 1908; James William Simpson, April 12, 1916; and Cena Lucretia Simpson, June 15, 1932.

Marriages are: Eliza Virginia Simpson and Frank Henry Densmore, October 24, 1875; and James William Simpson and Katie C. McTigue, April 13, 1892. The living members of the family are Martha Ann Simpson, 82, and Mrs. Eliza Simpson Densmore, 75. The Bible has been in Newburg ninety-four years, and in the same house, seventy-three years.

#### Nicely Family

The late William Nicely of Parkersburg, often drove cattle from his farm near there to Philadelphia, by way of Pittsburgh, in order to market them. It was his custom to sleep on the ground at night, with the cattle near by.

Such is in accordance with a historical sketch submitted by his granddaughter, Mrs. C. H. Fry, of near Parkersburg. The sketch was taken from the family's Bible. The book originally as a gift when a small boy. He gave it to his daughter, Hannah Louise Nicely Cooper, who was the mother of Mrs. Fry.

The family record follows: William Nicely, born July 23, 1825; Lidia A. Winiaus, born October 11, 1827; William Nicely and Lidia Winiaus, married July 26, 1848; Mary, their daughter, born March 19, 1850; George Nicely, born April 4, 1851; Albert L. Cooper, born January 25, 1876; Peter R. Cooper, born October 25, 1849; and Harry L. Cooper, born November 7, 1877.

William Nicely originally came from near Rankin, Pa., to West Virginia. He cleared a forest for his farm, three miles from Parkersburg. There were five boys and four girls in his family, two of whom died in childhood. Children surviving are Perry Nicely, Albert Nicely, William Nicely; Mrs. Ida Cook, and Mrs. Alice Gale.

#### Salmon Family

Mrs. John N. Tregellas, of Grafton, writes of a Bible owned by her family which was published in 1619 by Thomas and John Buck at the University of Cambridge.

The book was the property of Captain Edward Salmon, who was born in London, England, in 1745. While a young man he became dissatisfied with the laws of his own country and emigrated to America. He worked for the Revolutionary cause and became a captain in the Continental Army. He died June 20, 1909. Mrs. Tregellas is his great-granddaughter.

The record of births contained in the Bible follows: Mary Salmon, February 10, 1778; Frederick Salmon, November 20, 1779; William Salmon, July 23, 1782; Peggy Salmon, October 28, 1834; Catharine Salmon, March 21, 1787; Edward Salmon, June 15, 1789; Charles Salmon, December 10, 1791; George Salmon, July 5, 1794; and Elizabeth Salmon, September 18, 1797.

#### Allen Family

Dr. S. P. Allen, of Webster Springs, submits a record which clearly illustrates the importance of the Allen family in the state's early history.

The records of births follows: Abel, September 24, 1843; Joshua, November 24, 1787; Rebecca, January 15, 1799; Rachael, July 30, 1819; Pindall—; Doddridge, January 20, 1822; Osburn, March 21, 1826; Washington, July 31, 1827; Eur, November 18, 1830; Elizabeth, April 18, 1833; and Stephen, January 24, 1836.

#### Thomas Family

The year 1859 was a hectic one for farmers, according to a note in a Bible owned by Henry Perry, of French Creek. The note says that on April 23 of that year there was a snow ten or twelve inches deep and that on June 5 frost killed beans, pumpkins, tomatoes, potatoes and cucumbers. John S. Thomas, grandfather of Perry, wrote the note. The Bible was presented to Perry by his mother, Anne Maria Thomas Perry.

James Conner, of New York, stereotyped the book, and it was published by T. Mason and G. Lane for the Methodist Episcopal church at the conference office, 200 Mulberry street, in 1837.

Marriages written in the book are: John S. Thomas and Elizabeth Ann White, November 15, 1836, by the Rev. Joel Fortune; Edwin Perry and Anne Maria Thomas, February 23, 1858, by the Rev. John McCoy; E. B. Humme and Martha E. Thomas, September 20, 1866, by the Rev. Mr. Leslie; Alexander Brown Thomas and Theresa V. Vance, November 26, 1868, by the Rev. Dr. Young.

Births are: John S. Thomas, December, 1810; Eliza A. Thomas, May 1, 1813. John and Eliza Thomas' family follows: Anne Maria Thomas, September 25, 1837; Martha Ellen Thomas, May 8, 1839; Elizabeth Snider Thomas, January 8, 1841; Savannah Thomas, December 29, 1843; Alexander Brown Thomas, February 24, 1845; William Henry Thomas, May 30, 1847; Mary Susan Thomas, April 2, 1849; Louisa Thomas, July 3, 1851; and Catherine Sumer Thomas, June 29, 1853.

Deaths include: William Henry Thomas, July 4, 1851; Eliza C. Thomas, January 2, 1892; John S. Thomas, April 1, 1896; and Anne Maria Thomas Perry, November 27, 1928.

#### Tyson Family

Joseph Tyson, of Vadis, in Lewis county, writes of a Bible which gives the record of the family of Isaac Tyson.

Isaac Tyson was born February 14, 1836, and died August 11, 1908. Sarah A. Tyson was born January 8, 1845, and died September 6, 1909. The children and the dates of their births are: Florence M., February 25, 1863; David L., April 18, 1866; Marion Tyson, March 16, 1867; Colonel S., May 8, 1869; Sarah A., October 8, 1871; John K., January

1, 1873; Hannah V., October 14, 1874; Noama J., April 4, 1875; Rosa A., December 7, 1876; Libbie J., February 25, 1881; Joseph T., December 16, 1882; Claud U., November 24, 1884; and Maudie J., August 29, 1887.

#### McCartney Family

Mrs. Edie Norman, of Duffy, owns a Bible that was published by Jas. B. Smith & Co., at No. 207 Market street, Philadelphia. The book contains no date of publication.

Eligah W. McCartney was born, March 15, 1823, and died August 9, 1912. Mary McCartney was born December 2, 1822, and died September 21, 1906. Surrah Jane McCartney was born June 13, 1844, and died September 22, 1844. Mary Ellen McCartney was born May 16, 1845, and died January 25, 1924. Henry V. D. McCartney was born October 30, 1860, and died April 21, 1920. Leah McCartney was born May 21, 1863. Adam McCartney was born August 7, 1866, and died October 5, 1931. Elijah L. McCartney was born July 6, 1859, and died March 22, 1924.

#### Brown Family

The name of Brown and its connections with the Civil war is revived in a Bible now owned by Howard Wolfe, of Simpson.

The book was published in Shackleton, London, in 1812, by T. Rutt. It was stereotyped for the Bible Society at Philadelphia, Pa. It was found in a residence built about the time, or before, the Civil war and was formerly owned by C. C. Brown, a Civil war veteran.

The entire book is yellow with age, and about 100 pages are missing. The family records, on the fly leaves, follows: Boyle Brown, born March 10, 1785; Mary Wilson, his wife, born October 27, 1790; Wilson Belama, born, June 28, 1818; Johnathan Brown, born May 6, 1820; Margaret Hannah, born June 27, 1822; James Boyle Brown, born March 20, 1841; Virginia Jane Brown, born September 2, 1842; Columbus Brown, born September 19, 1844; and Jonathan Wilson Brown, born February 20, 1847. Wolfe suggests that the writing of "Wilson Belama" probably meant Wilson Belama Brown.

#### Yates Bible

Mrs. Mattie Yates Jarvis, of route 2, Weston, has a Bible which was stereotyped by James Conner for the American Bible Society in 1829. It belonged originally to her grandfather, Benjamin Yates, and at his death it went to a son, John B. Yates, who was the father of Mrs. Jarvis. John B. Yates died March 6, 1896. The book has no family record.

# Bible 295 Years Old Is In Exponent-Telegram

## Mrs. Grace Harding Chenoweth of Clarksburg, Submits Winning Entry.

A Bible printed in 1637, or 295 years ago, has been declared winner of the old Bible contest conducted by The Exponent-Telegram.

The prize-winning bible was entered by Mrs. Grace Harding Chenoweth, whose mother, Mrs. Wright Harding, lives at 524 Stanley avenue. According to the title page the Bible was printed by Robert Barker, printed to the king's most excellent majesty and by the assignees of John Bill "in the year 1637."

A Bible that may even be older was entered by Mrs. Oda Collins Cornell, 1640 Gould avenue. It contains no publication date and there is no way of determining even its approximate age except that it is one of the King James version which was first published in folio in 1611. The preface contains mention of the recent death of Queen Elizabeth and wishes King James health and happiness, but even this, according to authorities is no definite proof that it was printed before King James died in 1625. While not discounting the fact that the Cornell Bible may be more than 300 years old, The Exponent-Telegram deems it fairer to award the prize to a Bible whose exact age can be proved.

Another old Bible that had the judges guessing until a translation was obtained, is one entered by Dr. W. C. DeForest of this city.

The title page reads: "Het Nieuwe Testament ofte Alle Boeckken Des Nieuwen Verbodtes Onses Heeren Jesu Christi Door Last Von de Hoogh-Moh Heeren Staten, General Der Vereenighde Nederlanden, ende Volgens Deffuyt van de Synode Nationael Gehouden tot Dordrecht in de Jaren 1618 ende 1619." In another part of the title page are the words: "Be de Wed: In Compaigne Ao. 1718."

It was too much of a puzzle for one unversed in the language of the Netherlands to determine if the publication date was "1618 ende 1619" or whether the other figures, "1718" referred to the publication.

The translation is as follows: "The New Testament of all books of the new covenant of our Lord Jesus Christ by order of the high . . . States general of the United Netherlands upon action of the national synod held at Dordrecht in

1718," according to the translator, refers to the name of the publishing house, the name of the town or province in which it was printed and the year it was printed.

Although entries in the contest closed two weeks ago, descriptions of several other old Bibles have been received.

Ralph D. Cox, 315 Wright street, Weston, has an old Bible brought from Scotland by his great-grandfather, James Speirs and carried through the Civil war by his grandfather, James B. Speirs. It was the only Bible in the community for several years and was used as the church Bible until James B. Speirs moved to Gilmer county. Mr. Cox obtained possession of the Bible in 1930 while visiting his mother in Robstown, Tex. It is over 100 years old but the publication date is missing. He has another Bible printed in 1830 by A. Chandler, New York.

Mrs. Harry Hood, 1112 Penn avenue, has a Bible exactly like the one owned by Mrs. Oda Collins Cornell, she says.

### Large Bible

One of the handsomest Bibles of the entire list was brought to The Exponent-Telegram office last week by George Slater Lee, 80 years old, Washington avenue, this city. Mr. Lee, a native Englishman from the lowlands of Doncaster, brought the Bible with him when he came to America sixteen years ago. He does not know its exact age, nor is there any publication date in it, but he estimates that it probably is 150 years old or more. The Bible weighs sixteen pounds and measures sixteen by eleven inches by four and one-half inches thick. It was edited by the Rev. Henry Southwell, LL.D., and was published in London. It contains a record of births of the Slater family, beginning in 1799, and of their descendants, the Lees. The Bible is in an excellent state of preservation and not a verse is missing.

Mrs. Harry Hood, 112 Penn avenue, has a Bible that she says is exactly like one owned by Mrs. Oda Cornell and which was described in last Sunday's paper.

M. A. Sayger, Hambleton, W. Va., has a copy of Clark's Paraphrase in two volumes. It was edited by Samuel Clark, D. D., late director of St. James, West Minister, London, and was printed for G. G. and J. Robison and Vernon and Hood, W. H. Lum, Cambridge, J. Mundell and Co., Edinburgh, and J. Cook, Oxford, in 1795.

### Owens Two Old Bibles

Mrs. A. G. Hill, Box 28, Beverly, owns two very old Bibles. One is bound in genuine calfskin and dated in Roman numerals for the year 1791. It was published in Edinburgh by Murk and Charles Kerr, "His Majesty's printers." It contains the index, alphabetical table of names, their significance, table of Scripture weight, etc. The second Bible is a very old one which does not contain any publication date but is similar to the one owned by Dr. W. C. DeForest, of this city. Mrs. Hill says. It is in the Netherland language. It was brought to this country by Mrs. Hill's husband's people on his father's side. The other Bible was brought to America by Mr. Hill's mother's people.

Mrs. Stella Sutton Davis, West Union, has an old Bible, published in 1816 by Collins and Company, New York. It was sent to her by an old lady in Roane county who believed that some of the names in the family record might have been Mrs. Davis's ancestors. Mrs. Davis says that her father's people came from Wales. He would be 92 now if he were living. His mother was a Davis. Hoping that somebody may see this and may be able to tell something of the history of the Bible or about some of the persons named, the complete family record as it appears in the Bible is hereby given: Levi Sutton and Sarah Brown, married April 14, 1833; Benjamin P. Shannon and Mary Kelso, married Oct. 4, 1834; Moses W. Bennett, Jr., born March 31, 1845; W. W. Bennett, born July 12, 1872; P. A. Bennett, born Jan. 8, 1876; B. P. Bennett, born Feb. 18, 1879; E. A. Bennett, born July 25, 1851; John Davis, born May 1, 1854; Margaret Davis, born Nov. 8, 1770; Alexander Sutton, born March 20, 1834; Lewis Sutton, born Dec. 7, 1836; Margaret Sutton, born May 30, 1938; Mary Ann Sutton, born Oct. 8, 1840; Rachel Sutton, born Oct. 19, 1842; Levi Sutton, born Nov. 14, 1811; Sarah Sutton, born May 21, 1811; Prudence Brown, born Feb. 19, 1821 and died Aug. 7, 1866.



**Simers Family**

Records of the Simers family are contained in a Bible owned by Mrs. Dallas R. Kight, of White Pine. The Bible is large, about four and one-half inches thick, and has thick pasteboard covers. It was published by A. J. Holman and Company of Philadelphia, Pa., in 1892. Originally owned by I. L. Simers, at his death it was given to the writer's mother, Mrs. W. H. Ayers, of White Pine, who still owns the book.

The records of the book read:

"This certifies that the rite of holy matrimony was celebrated between I. L. Simers, of Morgan county, Ohio, and E. J. Zimmerman, of Morgan county, Ohio, May 10, 1866, in Morgan county, Ohio, by William Hedges. Witnesses were Silas Hedges and William Ehaley.

Births of this union follow: George H. Simers, July 25, 1867; Mary F. C. Simers, September 9, 1868; Silas H. Simers, September 30, 1869; Thomas W. Simers, April 5, 1862; Wesley Lincoln Simers, September 18, 1865; David B. Simers, October 20, 1865; Hester M. Simers, February 29, 1868; and Samuel G. Simers, July 9, 1870. The family moved to West Virginia when Samuel was one year old.

George H. Simers and Vashtie Ayers were united in marriage December 29, 1883; Silas H. Simers and Cordelia Shimer, June 29, 1889; Wesley L. Simers and Julia Otto, June 19, 1890; Hester M. Simers and W. H. Ayers, January 31, 1889; Thomas Simers and Laura Grim; Samuel Simers and Lillie Gainer, January 15, 1893; and David B. Simers and Mary C. Ayers, July 5, 1896.

George Simers, father of I. L. Simers, died December 12, 1886, at Harrisville; Fanny Simers, mother of I. L. Simers, died December 2, 1868, age seventy-three years, four months and eighteen days.

Joseph W. Simers died December 19, 1903, in Jasper county Missouri, age seventy-six years, two months and twelve days. Jacob Simers died March 16, 1907, at a soldiers' home in Ohio, age seventy-four years, seven months and eight days; George Washington Simers died June 5, 1911, age seventy-four years, seven months and eighteen days; J. L. Simers, September 18, 1920, age ninety years, four months and fifteen days, at White Pine, Calhoun county; E. J. Simers, wife of I. L. Simers, July 6, 1925, age ninety-five years, two months and twenty-five days, at White Pine.

The Simers family was one of the early settler groups in Calhoun county and many descendants of the family still live there.

**Woofter Family**

Mrs. A. N. Woofter, of Alum Bridge, has a Bible which her parents brought to the United States

from Germany 202 years ago. "There are several names in German and so worn that I can't read the names out plain. The names include 1817, 1818, 1725 and 1625. The leather back. The Bible will bring me through in places. I am in need of it."

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Births in the family of Joseph and Sybil Look are: Joseph Look, August 12, 1792; Sybil Look, July 24, 1798; Evalina A. Look, October 9, 1819; Sally Look, August 15, 1821; Fidelia Look, May 21, 1823; George Look, March 26, 1825; Allen Look, January 21, 1827; Julian A. Look, August 24, 1829; Jessie P. Look, October 14, 1831; Elizabeth Look, November 14, 1833; and Waitstill A. Look, February 22, 1840.

Deaths were: Sally Look, February 25, 1823; George Look, June 7, 1842; Fidelia Davis, April 23, 1837; Waitstill A. Chesline, January 29, 1862; Jessie P. Look, January 25, 1863; and Evalina Goddley, May 14, 1881.

**Cleavenger Family**

Eva Hudkins, of Flemington, writes of a Bible given to her by her father, James K. Cleavenger, shortly before his death. The book is about sixty years old.

The records follow: Samuel Cleavenger, born April 10, 1810, and died June 16, 1890; Kizziah Cole Cleavenger, born August 14, 1810, and died February 2, 1897; Elizabeth Ann Cleavenger, born June 9, 1836; Frances E. Cleavenger, born January 6, 1839, and died in 1925; Sarah Ann Cleavenger, born October 29, 1842, and died May 2, 1844; Charles B. Cleavenger, born November 12, 1849, and died January 27, 1857; Mary Samantha Cleavenger, born February 19, 1855, and died April 3, 1910; James K. Cleavenger, born September 1, 1846, and died August 12, 1922; Elizabeth Annetta Flint Cleavenger, born September 11, 1852, and died March 10, 1920; and Stella Cleavenger, born April 23, 1891, and died August 17, 1908.

Samuel Cleavenger and Kizziah Cole were married in April, 1835; James K. Cleavenger and Elizabeth A. Flint, November 24, 1870; Cora Cleavenger and L. D. McKinney, October 24, 1889; Ina Cleavenger and Ida Mason, October, 1897; Ara Cleavenger and Grace M. Hudkins, August 12, 1900; and Eva Cleavenger and Darden Hudkins, September 23, 1902.

## Obtained From Old Bibles Important Family Records

### Davis Family

Valuable records of the Davis, Robinson and Williams families are submitted to the Bible Contest by Worthy Davis, of Glenville. The Rev. John A. Williams, one of those in the record, was a resident of Harrison county. William J. Robinson was for several years ticket agent for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company at Clarksburg. Ella E. Robinson was the wife of the Rev. Benjamin Ison, a Methodist Episcopal minister. A. W. Davis, a life-long resident of Harrison county, died in Northview. Prudence Williams married Joshua Percy and is the grandmother of E. M. Percy of Clarksburg.

The Bible in which these records are contained was published by G. Lane and C. B. Tippet for the Methodist Episcopal church at the Conference Office, 200 Mulberry street, New York, in 1847. Joseph Longking was the printer. The Rev. John A. Williams presented the book to James M. Robinson. It was given to Susan H. Davis by his mother, Susan H. Davis. It was finally presented to Worthy Davis by Hubert Davis on the death of his father, James H. Davis.

The parents of James M. Robinson were Joshua O. Robinson, born June 29, 1786, and Mitchell, born about 1800. Their children and the dates of their births follows: Rebecca Robinson, November 7, 1818; James M. Robinson, September 17, 1820; Sarah J. Robinson, December 13, 1822; Emily Robinson, October 14, 1825; Emily Robinson, October 14, 1825; Ella E. Robinson, March 17, 1828; John A. Robinson, November 18, 1830; Thomas W. Robinson, May 25, 1833; William J. Robinson, March 23, 1836; Helen M. Robinson, May 21, 1839, and Esther Carr Robinson, February 3, 1844.

The parents of Mary Williams, wife of James M. Robinson, were Thomas Williams, born November 8, 1782, and Esther Ivis, born October 1, 1784. Their children and the dates of birth are: Jesse Williams, November 2, 1806; Isabella Williams, January 16, 1810; Prudence Williams, February 26, 1812; Ethud Williams, June 29, 1814; John A. Williams, August 31, 1816; Elizabeth Williams, August 8, 1819; Mary Williams, March 14, 1822; Malissa Williams, June 15, 1825, and Sarah J. Williams, August 27, 1828.

James M. Robinson and Mary Williams were married December 12, 1840. The Rev. William Hunter, Susan Hymandra Robinson, daughter of James M. and Mary Robinson, was born October 18, 1841. Susan H. Robinson was married to A. W. Davis May 1, 1866, by the Rev. C. H. Laking. Mary Laurentina Davis, daughter of A. W. Davis and Susan H. Da-

James H. Davis was born August 3, 1869; Ella Ison Davis, September 5, 1871; Willey W. Davis, April 4, 1873; Effa Lena Davis, May 7, 1876; Goff Robinson Davis, September 12, 1879; Calla Mabel Davis, October 15, 1885.

James H. Davis and Viola Benedum were married at Salem, September 9, 1897, by the Rev. Mr. Meredith. Their children were: Hubert Beryl Davis, born at Weston, August 4, 1898; James Clad Davis, born at Weston, January 1, 1902; and Clella Irene Davis, born at Weston, August 26, 1903.

Willie W. Davis was married to Iva Myrtle Snyder, September 27, 1900. Their children were Willie Clifford Davis, born November 20, 1901; Mary Susan Davis, born April 27, 1903; Rodney Ruhl Davis, born March 15, 1906; Helen Elizabeth Davis, born September 15, 1909; and Leona Snyder Davis, born November 24, 1911. Viola Davis, wife of James H. Davis, died May 30, 1824. Myrtle Davis, wife of Willie W. Davis, died September 2, 1913.

Willie W. Davis was married to Virginia Clayton Coleman, of Lynchburg, Va., June 29, 1927, by the Rev. W. H. Suddler. James H. Davis was married to Bertha Butcher, of Weston, July 14, 1928, by the Rev. Mr. Backus. Hubert Beryl Davis was married to Jennie Cains at Charleston, September 3, 1925, by the Rev. F. C. Brown. Clella Irene Davis and Harold E. Harkins were married in New York city, April 18, 1930, by the Rev. W. E. Lowther.

The recorded deaths are as follows: Thomas Williams, April 1, 1861; Esther Williams, January 4, 1875; Isabelle Boring, February, 1863; Jesse Williams, July, 1866; Prudence Percy, July, 1873; Malissa A. Jones, August 25, 1879; T. A. Jones, January 16, 1894; the Rev. John A. Williams, January 21, 1894; Elizabeth Young, February 12, 1898; Ellen Elizabeth Ison, in Washington, D. C., January 25, 1905; J. O. Robinson, March 5, 1858; Elenore Robinson, January 16, 1865; Esther O. Robinson, December 15, 1848; Rebecca Robinson, February 9, 1860; Emily Lang, August 9, 1867; J. Alexander Yates, January 3, 1897; Sarah J. Yates, November 27, 1897; Hannah Robinson, wife of John A. Robinson, August 28, 1893; John A. Robinson, February 6, 1898; James M. Robinson, May 12, 1899; Susan H. Davis, February 7, 1904; Mary Robinson, June 23, 1908; Sarah J. Lefever, June 20, 1908; A. W. Davis, August 20, 1916; James Clad Davis, September 6, 1902; Viola Davis, May 30, 1924; J. H. Davis, July 11, 1932; Rodney Ruhl Davis, April 7, 1922; Willie Clifford Davis, killed in an automobile wreck in Detroit, Mich., May 8, 1931.

### Snyder Family

The ancestry of the Snyder family is traced in a Bible owned by Mrs. C. W. Smoot, of Allingdale.

The family is of Scotch descent and the book that contains their record was printed in 1804, by George E. Eyre and William Spotteswood, printers to the queen's most excellent majesty and for the British and Foreign Bible Society, in London.

Henry Snyder, Jr., died in 1847, at the age of sixty-nine years. He was the son of Henry Snider, Sr., and Mary Browning Snider. Their children and the dates of their birth follow: Ann, March 31, 1813; Jane, September 9, 1815; Enos Browning, January 5, 1818; Arnold, March 21, 1820; Thomas, September 23, 1822; Harmon, November 12, 1824; James, January 25, 1827; Mary, December 10, 1828; Elizabeth, August 6, 1831, and Henry Jackson, August 26, 1833.

### Watson Family

Woodrow Berry, of Middlebourne, has copied records from a large Irish Bible that was published and sold by Isaac Collins, Trenton, in 1791. Berry's great-aunt, who secured it from her father, gave the book to him. The writing in the book, which was done with a quill pen, is as follows: Abner Watson, son of Mark and Mary Watson, was born October 10, 1766; Elizabeth Watson, daughter of William and Hannah Boulton, was born June 10, 1767; Mary Watson, daughter of Abner and Elizabeth Watson, was born March 17, 1793; Mark Watson, son of Abner and Elizabeth Watson, was born July 6, 1796; Hannah Watson, daughter of Abner Watson and Elizabeth Watson, was born March 23, 1798; William Watson, son of Abner and Elizabeth Watson, was born February 27, 1800; Deborah Watson, daughter of Abner and Elizabeth Watson, was born January 23, 1802; Thebe Watson, daughter of Abner and Elizabeth Watson, was born January 9, 1804; Ann Watson, daughter of Abner and Elizabeth Watson, was born April 11, 1807; Mark Watson, son of Abner and Elizabeth Watson, was born May 7, 1810; Alice, daughter of Mark and Elizabeth Watson, was born May 11, 1850; Hannah, daughter of Mark and Elizabeth Watson, was born September 19, 1851; Mark Watson, son of Abner and Elizabeth Watson, was born January 20, 1797; Abner Watson, son of Mark and Mary Watson, was born January 20, 1797; Abner Watson, son of Mark and Mary Watson, died December 2, 1824; Elizabeth Watson,

daughter of William Boulton and Hannah Watson, died April 8, 1849; Mark Watson died February 11, 1854; and Elizabeth Watson died November 23, 1854. The foregoing records compose four generations.

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## Record From Augustine Stone Bible Most Outstanding In Recent Contest

Outstanding in the recent Exponent-Telegram old Bible record contest, is the record from Augustine Stone Bible, submitted by Mrs. Frances Stone Rogers, wife of D. Ray Rogers of Lumberport, Route 1. The family record from this old Bible is believed to be one of the most unique in West Virginia.

Although the contest has closed so far as competition for prizes concerned, other owners of old Bibles are invited to send in their records for publication so that the records will be saved in case anything should happen to the Bibles. The record submitted by Mrs. Rogers, which won first prize for the largest number of records of marriages and deaths, is as follows:

It was originally owned by Augustus Stone, of Marietta, Ohio, from it was presented in 1817. The book was published by M. S. Stone, of Philadelphia, in 1816. The original owner was at his death 98 years, ten months and twenty-one days old, being at the time the oldest living member of the Masonic lodge in the United States. From him the book went to his son, Augustus Israel Stone, of Marietta, Ohio, and in turn to his son, Selden Spencer Stone, of Wood county, West Virginia. It then went to his granddaughter, who is Mrs. Rogers, of Lumberport.

The record of deaths follows: Mary Cram Stone, July 7, 1821, aged two days; Rebecca Eves Stone, September 13, 1823, aged eleven months and five days; Rebecca Stone, wife of Augustus Stone, June 3, 1828; Julia Rathbone, July 26, 1836, at 8:30 A. M. at A. Stone's house, aged ten years; Selden Augustus Stone, April 4, 1837; Elizabeth Cook Stone, wife of A. I. Stone, July 5, 1840; Elizabeth Spencer Stone, September 8, 1840.

Augustus Israel Stone, October 11, 1840; Augustus Stone, June 14, 1879, aged 98 years, ten months and twenty-one days; Charlotte P. Stone, August 21, 1880, aged 86 years, five months and ten days; John Cook, son of Mary C. and John Cook Stone, September 16, 1839; John Cook Stone, son of Augustus and Rebecca Stone, May 27, 1841; Augustus Israel Stone, June 15, 1848, at the house of his father, in Marietta, O., then Harmer,

Tuesday, November 25, 1856, son of Hunter and Lottie Holson died; Rebecca Dodge Stone, daughter of Augustus and Charlotte Stone, April 2, 1865, at Harmer, O., of consumption; Charlotte Putnam Nicholson, wife of Hunter Nicholson, at Nashville, Tenn., January 7, 1873.

Lottie Stone, daughter of H. and C. P. Nicholson, January 17, 1873; Israel Putnam, March 7, 1812, at his father's home in Belpre, O.; Charlotte Putnam, September 18, 1822, at Belpre, O.; A. W. Putnam, September 21, 1822, at Belpre, O.; Julia H. Rathbone, April 6, 1824, at Columbus; Israel L. Putnam, September 29, 1829, at Natchez, Miss., of yellow fever; Catherine Putnam, second wife of A. W. Putnam, July 29, 1833; Cornelia Virginia Putnam, wife of A. W. Putnam, at Waverly, July 30, 1856; Israel L. Putnam, in 1829, at John Henderson's home near Natchez, Miss.; Samuel Selden Spencer, Sr., July 27, 1832, in Wood county, West Virginia; Joseph Spencer (2nd), October 28, 1867, at Waverly, Mo. Children of Augustus I. and Elizabeth Cook Stone and the dates of their deaths are: Selden Augustus Stone, April 4, 1837; Augustus Israel Stone, October 11, 1840, at Waverly, Mo.; and Elizabeth Spencer Stone, September 8, 1840.

### Dates to Colonial Days

Children of John and Lucy Stone and the dates of their deaths are: Hezekiah, May 16, 1761; Susanna, May 12, 1767; Hannah, April 4, 1776; and Susanna (2nd), April 15, 1776. The other deaths continue: Lucy Fruik, wife of Dr. John Fruik and daughter of John and Lucy Stone, June 20, 1788, aged 27 years, nine months and twenty days; Joel John Stone, at Forawick, April 24, 1790; Daniel Stone, October 3, 1795; Eliza Stone, October 6, 1795; Harriet Stone, October 13, 1795; Israel Fruik, August 29, 1796; Captain Caleb Clap, June 5, 1812; John Fruik, Jr., April 29, 1807, aged 25 years; Isabelle Fruik, wife of Mose H. White, at Princeton, in 1810, aged twenty-four years; Lucy, wife of John Stone and daughter of Samuel Banard, August 7, 1800, aged twenty-six years; Hannah Barnard Stone, January 3, 1802, aged four years;

John Stone, November 10, 1818; Jonas Howe, November 16, 1822, aged fifty-one years; Rachel Willard Stone, September 24, 1905, at Parkersburg; Selden Augustus Stone, March 30, 1889; Lelia Victoria Dudley, March 10, 1932; Dr. Marvin Roy Stone, September 12, 1931; and George Selden, May 19, 1926.

The marriages included: Augustus Stone and Rebecca Dodge, March 26, 1809, at Marietta, Ohio; Charlotte C. Putnam and Augustus Stone, July 2, 1829, at Columbus, Ohio; Augustus Israel Stone and Elizabeth C. Spencer, May 17, 1836; Dudley Columbus Stone and Mary McKellar Ogier, December 20, 1848, in Lafayette, Ind.; Hunter Nicholson and Lottie Putnam Stone, November 14, 1855, at Harmer, O.; John Cook Stone and March C. Spinning, September 7, 1837, at Springfield, O.

### Second of Putnam Family

A. W. Putnam's family record follows: A. W. Putnam and Charlotte Loring, married June 4, 1791, at Belpre, O.; William P. Putnam and Rowena Nye, February 4, 1822, at Marietta, O.; Denning L. Rathbone and Julia H. Putnam, March 25, 1823, at Belpre, O.; A. W. Putnam and Catharine Sevier (second wife), married —; Samuel Selden Spencer and Prudence Cooke, July 10, 1814; Joseph Spencer (2nd) and Susan V. Stanbarger; Samuel Selden Spencer and Lucinda Smith; Selden Spencer Stone and Victoria Cook, May 19, 1859; John and Elizabeth Stone, January 18, 1731, at Sudbury, by the Rev. Mr. Wilson Cook.

John Stone and Lucy Fletcher, September 9, 1755, at Rutland, Mass.; Elizabeth Stone and Captain Caleb Clap, March 17, 1782; Dr. John Fruik and Lucy Stone, July 5, 1784; Dr. John Stone and Lucy Barnard, December 22, 1797; Dr. John Stone and Mrs. Martha Jones, November 28, 1815; Jonas How, Jr., and Hannah B. Stone, December 16, 1800; Alpheus Fletcher Stone and Harriet Brake Russell, at Rutland, September 3, 1809; Alpheus F. Stone and Fanny L. Armer, January 27, 1822.

Alpheus F. Stone and Rachel Willard, July 6, 1807, at Greenfield, Mass.; George Cook Stone and Rose Shaver, October 3, 1895, at Monongah; Katherine Cook Stone and Walter Jenn Morrill,

September 15, 1905, at Parkersburg; Frances Victoria Stone and D. Ray Rogers, February 2, 1918, at Parkersburg; Edith Elizabeth Stone and Howard F. McTaggart, June 25, 1925; George Selden Stone and Dorothy Curry, June 3, 1925.

#### 135 Births Listed

Records for 135 births are entered in the Bible. The list includes: Augustus Stone, son of Israel and Lydia Stone, July 23, 1780, in Rutland, Mass.; Rebecca Stone, wife of Augustus Stone, October 9, 1787; Augustus Israel Stone, son of Augustus and Rebecca, born October 21, 1811, at Marietta, O.; John Cook Stone, son of Augustus and Rebecca, born June 30, 1814; Rebecca Eve Stone, daughter of Augustus and Rebecca, March 22, 1820, at Marietta, O.; Mary Cram Stone, daughter of Augustus Stone, July 5, 1821, Dudley Columbus Stone, May 28, 1828; Charlotte Putnam Stone, at 4 a. m. Saturday, October 20, 1833; Rebecca Stone, daughter of Augustus and Charlotte L. Stone, Saturday, May 15, 1830, at Marietta, O.

Charlotte L. Stone, the mother of Rebecca, March 11, 1791, at Belpre, O.; Seldon Augustus, son of A. I. Stone and E. C., his wife, April 6, 1837; S. S. S. son of A. I. and E. C. Stone, April 24, 1838; Augustus Israel and Elizabeth Spencer, twin children of A. I. and E. C. Stone, April 30, 1840.

Elizabeth Cook Spencer, wife of A. I. Stone, August 20, 1815; John Cook, son of John and Mary C. Stone Cook, August 1, 1835, at Springfield, O.; John Cornelius, son of John Cook and Mary C. Stone, May 21, 1841, at Harmer, O.; Caroline, daughter of Hunter and Lottie Nicholson, November 14, 1857; Nausy, son of Hunter and Lottie Nicholson, June 14, 1859, at Columbia, Tenn.; August Stone, son of Hunter and Lottie Nicholson, August 26, 1861, at Columbia, Tenn.; Charlotte Loring, daughter of Hunter and Lottie Nicholson, December 4, 1863, at Columbia, Tenn.

#### Nicholson Records

The children of Hunter and Lottie Nicholson were: Rebecca August 6, 1866; Kate Towler, January 14, 1861, at Columbia, Tenn.; and Lottie, January 2, 1873, A. W. Putnam, April 18, 1867; Charlotte Loring (Putnam), June 12, 1773; William Pitt Putnam, son of Charlotte and A. W. Putnam, April 2, 1793, at Belpre; Julia P. Putnam, daughter of A. W. and Charlotte Putnam, July 1, 1796, at Belpre. Other children of A. W. and Charlotte Putnam were A. W. Putnam, born March 11, 1799, at Belpre, O.; Israel L. Putnam, born March 31, 1801, at Belpre, O.; Lucy E. Putnam, born January 1, 1804, at Belpre, O.; Catherine Putnam, born May 6, 1806, at Belpre, O.; Basheba Putnam born September 3, 1808, at Belpre, O.; and Elizabeth Putnam, born September 3, 1811, at Belpre, O. Julia P. Rathbone, daughter of Deming and Julia Rathbone, was born January 1, 1821, at Columbus, O.

The children of Dudley C. and Mary M. Stone were: Caroline Ogier Stone, born October 25, 1839;

Ethel Converse Stone, born January 12, 1854; Walter Somers Stone, born January 24, 1856; Eugenia Ballard Stone, born June 26, 1859; Edward Walsworth Stone, born November 1, 1861; Lewis Stauwood Stone, February 25, 1865; and Mary Ella Stone, November 12, 1867.

Children of Catherine Levier and A. W. Putnam were: Waldo W. Putnam, born October 29, 1826; Loring V. Putnam, born October 2, 1828; and Catherine Julia Putnam, born November 21, 1830. Children of Cornelia Virginia and A. W. Putnam were: George Putnam, born March 17, 1835; Lucia Virginia Putnam, born July 29, 1837; Emma Henderson Putnam, born March 2, 1840, at Waverly, O.; and Cornelia Elizabeth Putnam, born April 16, 1842. Samuel Selden Spencer was born September 7, 1778. Prudence Cooke was born March 6, 1788, in Bristol county, Massachusetts. Children of this union were: Joseph Spencer, born September 2, 1817, at Catahovia, La.; Elizabeth Cooke, born August 22, 1815; Joseph (2nd son), born July 2, 1820, in Wood county, Virginia; Samuel Selden, born January 13, 1822; and John Clark, born July 8, 1825. Children of S. S. Spencer, Jr., were: Elizabeth Cook Stone, born May 4, 1847; Henrietta Maria, born September 2, 1848; Lucinda America, October 31, 1849; Samuel Selden, February 8, 1851; Augustus L., February 25, 1854; Hallen, December 12, 1855; and Joseph, March 25, 1858.

#### More Early Records

John, the son of Nathaniel and Sarah Stone, was born April 13, 1703, at Framingham, Mass. Elizabeth, the daughter of Samuel and Abaza Stone, was born at Sudbury, England, December 23, 1713. Children of this union were: John Stone, born December 18, 1732; Abigar Stone, October 3, 1734; Sarah Stone, December 14, 1736; Eunice Stone, March 21, 1738; Beulah Stone, April 15, 1741; Elizabeth Stone, March 29, 1743; Doreas Stone, May 10, 1745; Hepzibah Stone, April 3, 1747; and Israel Stone, April 15, 1749. Lucy Stone, daughter of Dr. Hepzibah Stone and Lucy Fletcher Stone, was born March 12, 1735, at West Sudbury.

Children of John and Lucy Stone were: Heziakiah, born August 13, 1756; Elizabeth, born July 8, 1758; Lucy, born August 31, 1760; John, born May 11, 1763; Susanna, born October 31, 1766; Heziakiah Fletcher, born September 9, 1769; Hannah, born April 19, 1772; Susanna, born November 27, 1774; Alpheus Fletcher, born May 7, 1778; and Hannah Buckoninstow, born November 9, 1780.

Children of Caleb and Elizabeth Stone Clap were: Joel John, born November 15, 1783; Harriet, June 5, 1785; Daniel, April 1, 1787; Lucy Stone, March 8, 1789; Israel Friuk, June 22, 1791; Eliza, July 1, 1793; Susanna, August 29, 1795; Louisa, September 24, 1798; and Elizabeth. October 19, 1801. Children of John and Lucy Stone Friuk were: John Friuk, born May 17, 1785,

and Isabella Friuk, born November 9, 1786. Children of Dr. John and Lucy Barnard Stone were: John, born December 29, 1794; Lucy Friuk, born August 17, 1796; and Hannah Barnard, born January 12, 1798.

Children of Jonas and Hannah Harve were: Lucy Stone Howe, born April 28, 1802; Abigar, born May 16, 1804; Lucy Fletcher, born February 3, 1806; Jonas Hapgood, born March 22, 1808; Caleb Clap, March 22, 1810; George Angus, March 10, 1812; Lucy Fletcher, date not recorded; and Elizabeth Clap, May 15, 1817. Children of Alpheus F. and Harriet Stone were: Harriet Russell, born January 14, 1810; Rachel Cather, January 26, 1812; Alpheus Fletcher, December 2, 1813; Almy Ebery, January 2, 1815; and Hezekiah Fletcher, October 12, 1816. Children of Alpheus F. and Fanny Armer Stone were: John Cushing, born October 20, 1822; Charles Pomeroy, September 30, 1824; Fanny Cushing, born January 21, 1827; Isabelle White, February 22, 1830; and Lucy Fletcher, February 15, 1832.

Children of Victoria C. and Selden Spencer Stone were: Selden Augustus Stone, born February 25, 1860; Edith Elizabeth Stone, February 13, 1864; Lelia Victoria Stone, January 23, 1868; George Cook Stone, November 8, 1870; John Spencer Stone, September 18, 1875; Marvin Ray Stone, April 26, 1878; Katherine Cook Stone, October 8, 1880; and Samuel Spencer Stone, September 1, 1883.

Children of George Cook and Rose S. Stone were: Frances Victoria Stone, born July 10, 1896; Edith Elizabeth Stone, born March 28, 1893; and George Selden, born May 30, 1900.

#### Rogers Family

Children of D. Ray Rogers and Frances Stone Rogers are: George Ferdinand Rogers, born October 1, 1919, at Parkersburg; Rosanne Rogers, born May 6, 1921, at Lumberport; and Ray Rogers, Jr., born September 15, 1922, at Lumberport. Jane Eleanor McTaggart, daughter of Edith Stone and Howard F. McTaggart, was born August 18, 1928. George Cook Stone, II, son of George Selden and Dorothy Curry Stone, was born August 18, 1927.

There are other interesting notes in the book. At Harmer, Ohio, April 22, 1852, the water was highest at 12 at night, backing only nineteen and one-half inches of coming on A. Stone's lower floor. On April 15 and 17, rain was followed by a severe snow storm and hard freeze. Fruit trees were in full bloom at the time. A recording was: General Israel Putnam. There will be a meeting of the descendants and collateral relations of General Israel Putnam, of Revolutionary memory, at the Putnam Station on the Norwich and Worcester Railroad, Wednesday, October 24. The next day there will be a public address and dinner. The object of these meetings

## Important Family Records Obtained From Old Bibles

### HILL FAMILY

Mrs. Jane Hill Jarvis, 82, of 515 Pittsburgh avenue Fairmont, owns a Bible that was published by H. and E. Phinney in 1846. The Bible contains several pages of illustrations. The book was originally the property of Amaziah Hill, the father of Mrs. Jarvis. The book was bought for four dollars from John Austen, June 7, 1847.

Six generations of the Hill family are in the records, namely: Benjamin Shaw Hill, 1782-1855; Amaziah Hill, 1822-1895; Dr. Thomas Jefferson Hill, 1853-1902; James M. T. Hill, 1876—; Thomas Graydon Hill, 1902—; and Dolly Haddox Hill, 1924—.

The record of births follows: Amaziah Hill, November 20, 1822; Benjamin Shaw Hill, March 25, 1782; Nancy Nuzum Hill, December 10, 1825; Elizabeth Pierce Hill, 1780; William Ellis Hill, January 18, 1846; James Madison Hill, August 25, 1847; Edgar Davisson Hill, August 10, 1849; Sarah Jane Hill, December 25, 1850; Thomas Jefferson Hill, February 15, 1853; Horace Edgell Hill, February 15, 1874; Mary Jane Hill, August 10, 1876; James Madison Tilden Hill, November 15, 1876; Lulu V. Hill, February 20, 1877; Charles T. Hill, May 17, 1878; Walter Amaziah Hill, January 31, 1879; Ardie A. Hill, February 8, 1879; Benjamin F. Hill, July 21, 1879; Arthur E. Hill, October 30, 1880; Oatis J. Hill, June 29, 1882; Ancil C. Hill, April 22, 1883; Cecil Warden Hill, February 25, 1886; Laura Goffe Hill, January 25, 1889; Henry Edgar Hill, April 2, 1884; Audrey Jarvis, August 12, 1890.

Jordon L. Hill, December 19, 1888; John Calvin Hill, September 18, 1897; Jeddiah Bartlett Hill, May 12, 1889; Neva Belle Hill, September 15, 1894; J. Calvin Hill, November 11, 1852; Harvey Hill, 1853; William Jarvis, December 4, 1827; Jarvis Hinkle, September 7, 1923; Thomas Graydon Hill, March 22, 1902; Ancil C. Hill, September 10, 1907; Catharine L. Hill, April 8, 1920; Dolly Haddox Hill, August 2, 1924; Laura A. Hill, September 29, 1928; Delain Cecilia Hill, February 12, 1931; and Charles Ryan Hill, in September, 1927.

The marriages include: Amaziah Hill and Nancy Nuzum, March 6, 1845; William Ellis Hill and Mary A. Parker, November 19, 1872; Edgar Davisson Hill and Sarah Ellen Bartlett, November 20, 1874; Thomas Jefferson Hill and Tobitha Eveline Husted, November 30, 1875; James Madison Hill and Joanne F. Swiger, March 8, 1877; Sarah Jane Hill and William Jarvis, October 20, 1887; J. M. T. Hill and Etta May Neely, May 15, 1900; Lutie E. Hill and D. M. Williams, August 16, 1902; Audrey Jarvis and Charles C. Hinkle, August 12, 1919; Thomas Graydon Hill and Dolly Haddox, April 17, 1923; and Thomas G. Hill and Roxie Lanford, April 12, 1925.

The deaths have been: Benjamin S. Hill, June 6, 1855; Elizabeth Hill, January 23, 1850; Benjamin F. Hill, November 9, 1879; Ancil C. Hill, May 12, 1883; Amaziah Hill, October 10, 1895; Nancy Hill, April 8, 1898; Charles T. Hill, December 11, 1895; Dr. Thomas Jefferson Hill, August 18, 1902; Ardis A. Hill, May 9, 1905; Dr. William Ellis Hill, March, 1913; Edgar Davisson Hill, December 6, 1925; Sarah Ellen Hill, June 15, 1923; Ancil C. Hill, September 10, 1907; James Madison Hill, February 25, 1925; William Jarvis, April 11, 1892; Joanne S. Hill, in 1891; Laura Goffe Hill, November 5, 1931; Tabitha E. Hill, February, 1932; and Delain Cecilia Hill, February 12, 1931.

### BONNETT FAMILY

Lura M. Bonnett, of Weston, has a Bible that was published by Jesper Harding, No. 57 South Third street, Philadelphia, in 1842. The price of the book was three dollars. The original owner, the Rev. Henry R. Bonnett, left the book to Elias H. Bonnett, a son, and it was handed down to his daughter who is the present owner.

The marriages were: Henry R. Bonnett and Sarah Smith, January 15, 1822; Isaac Hindzman and Matilda H. Bonnett, April 14, 1842; Elias H. Bonnett and Elizabeth Cookman, September 26, 1860; James M. Morrison and Sarah Jane Bonnett, September 2, 1852; and Samuel E. Cookman and Lydia A. Bonnett.

Births include: Henry R. Bonnett, December 4, 1798; Sarah Smith, September 17, 1802; Mary Batten, November 6, 1808; Matilda Bonnett, January 7, 1823; Samuel B. Bonnett, March 3, 1824; David L. Bonnett, June 10, 1825; Elias H. Bonnett, September 21, 1826; Lydia Ann Bonnett, July 21, 1828; Sarah Jane Bonnett, January 17, 1830; and Lewis M. Bonnett, January 18, 1832.

The recorded deaths are: Sarah Smith Bonnett, July 16, 1835; David L. Bonnett, May 19, 1843; and the Rev. Henry E. Bonnett, February 7, 1877.

### SHOMO FAMILY

Mrs. Etta McCauley George, of Belington, sends in a very interesting record of a Bible which was brought from New Market, Va., to Junior, W. Va., about 1855. (Junior was then in Old Virginia). A man by the name of Shomo brought the book. He kept the book for several years but upon his death it was sold at public auction to a man outside of the family who was so little interested in the Bible that he put it with other rubbish in an outbuilding to be burned.

Quite fortunately, in the meantime a Shomo in Virginia wanting to know about the birth of a relative wrote Matthew Shomo of Belington, asking him to try to trace the old Bible and find this relative's birthdate. Thus, Matthew Shomo, who is the uncle of

Mrs. George, found the Bible, which was then given to him. The latter, knowing that Mrs. George was interested in old family records, gave it to her in 1929.

The Bible was published in 1826 by Kimber and Sharpless at their bookstore, No. 93 Market street, Philadelphia, Pa. It was stereotyped by E. White, of New York. The Bible states that it was translated out of the original Greek.

The records found in the Bible are as follows:

First generation—Antney Shomo, born December 29, 1756; Elizabeth Rebecca Shomo, born June 26, 1767. Second generation: John Shomo, born October 29, 1787; Joseph Shomo, born December 27, 1789; Mary Ann Shomo, born February 29, 1796; Elone William Shomo, October 17, 1806; Daniel Shomo, son of Antney Shomo and Elizabeth R. Shomo, born November 25, 1792; Dianna Reamer, daughter of Daniel Reamer and Poly, his wife, born September 8, 1804.

Third generation: Elone William Henry, son of Daniel Shomo and Dianna, his wife, was born May 11, 1822; Serena Shomo, daughter of Daniel Shomo and Dianna, his wife, was born July 2, 1824; John Madison Shomo, son of Daniel Shomo and Dianna, his wife, born April 26, 1826; Wilmoth Ann Rebecca Shomo, daughter of Daniel Shomo and Dianna, his wife, was born March 29, 1828; Daniel Joseph Shomo, son of Daniel Shomo and Dianna, his wife, was born March 16, 1830; Ann Maria Catherine Shomo, daughter of Daniel Shomo and Dianna, his wife, was born June 22, 1832; James Crawford Shomo, son of Daniel and Dianna Shomo, born October 6, 1834; Amelia Elizabeth Shomo, daughter of Daniel and Dianna Shomo, born April 10, 1836; Esiciah Washington, son of Daniel and Dianna Shomo, born October 3, 1839.

Fourth generation: Emily Shomo, daughter of John M. Shomo and his wife, Sarah, was born September 7, 1850; John William Shomo, son of John M. Shomo and Sarah Shomo, born November 1, 1852; Elizabeth Jane Shomo, daughter of John M. and Sarah Shomo, born September 13, 1854; Thomas Lafette Shomo, son of John M. and Sarah Shomo, born April 8, 1856; Isabel Shomo, daughter of John M. and Sarah Shomo, born March 24, 1858; James Monroe Shomo, son of John M. and Sarah Shomo, born November 30, 1859; Herbert Franklin Shomo, son of John M. and Sarah Shomo, born October 24, 1861; Daniel Matthew Shomo, son of John M. and Sarah Shomo, was born May 2, 1863; and Samuel Benjamin Shomo, son of John M. and Sarah Shomo, was born August 19, 1868.



The above records are all that are included in the Bible but fortunately the Bible includes the records of the births of this family of Shomo up to the fifth generation. The writer is a daughter of Elizabeth Jane Shomo, whose birth is found in the records and who married Jehue McCauley.

#### RIDDLE FAMILY

Helen Louise Brown, of Harrisville, route 3, reports a Bible in her possession that was originally owned by her grandfather, the Rev. Alpheus V. Riddle, a Methodist Episcopal minister.

The records in the book follows:

Alpheus V. Riddle was born August 28, 1858, and Arrena Cottrill, his wife, January 15, 1862. They were united in marriage September 15, 1880, and children were born to this union as follows:

Addie M. Riddle, July 29, 1882; Sophana, January 6, 1884; Harry M., August 3, 1886; Agnes D., April 11, 1888; Alpheus C., April 22, 1890; Marietta O., December 24, 1891; Ulysses F., October 3, 1893; Eli J., December 27, 1895; Eliza E., June 19, 1897; Kelsie A., January 16, 1899; Hazel F., July 9, 1901; Laura F., December 27, 1904. An infant son died in 1881. Deaths have included Sophana Riddle, October 15, 1892; Agnes D. Riddle, October 20, 1892; Marietta O., October 21, 1892 and Eli J., March 27, 1896.

Marriages have been recorded as follows: Addie M. Riddle and Thomas M. Kirkpatrick, December 25, 1898; Harry H. Riddle and Laura Hess, February 8, 1905; Alpheus C. Riddle and Alcy Lee Griffith, April 20, 1910; Ulysses F. Riddle and Julia T. Keith, February 11, 1912; Eliza E. Riddle and Charles R. Grimes, August 20, 1913; Kelsie A. Riddle and Harold F. Brown, April 19, 1919; and Hazel F. Riddle and Ada F. Brown, July 19, 1919.

She also has a Bible dictionary that was published in 1833. It belonged to her great-great-grandfather, the Rev. Eli Riddle, who handed it down to his son, John Riddle, and he in turn to his son, the Rev. A. U. Riddle. The latter gave it to his daughter, Mrs. Kelsie Brown, who is the mother of the one submitting this record. The Rev. Eli Riddle was twice elected delegate to the legislature shortly after West Virginia was admitted as a state.

#### PICKERING FAMILY

The records in a Bible for which no date of publication can be found but which was probably printed about 1784 are sent in by Mrs. J. C. Lacy, of Ellenboro. Her father, Eli D. Pickering, had given it to her thirty years before, and his father, Timothy Pickering, had given it to him many years before that. There are five generations.

The record of birth follows: Eli

D. Pickering, January 27, 1741; Mary J. Starkey, May 5, 1741; James Madison Pickering, 1741; 7, 1850; Lydia Jane Pickering, 1741; February 5, 1852; Martha Pickering, 1741; February 20, 1855; Almon Pickering, March 13, 1857; Id. Mr. 1741; 12, 1862; Agnes Pickering, 1741; 12, 1862; Francis Pickering, April 14, 1865; Th. 1741; Margaret Pickering, Jan. 1741; 1868; and Louisa E. 1741; March 10, 1870. 1741; Eli D. Pickering and 1741; Starkey were united in 1741; August 23, 1849, 1741.

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Personal visit to the Palace Furniture for a private confab with Maxwell Moore. Today am slowly recovering from the amazing transformation in the appearance of its large combination freight and passenger elevator—a revelation and at the same time a pleasing example in the modern art of artificial metamorphoses. . . . The Baron of Stealey, Walter Shipplett, secure in the knowledge that the lawn will be clipped in just the right manner, seats himself upon the front porch steps and begins the hours of practice with rod and reel for future fishing trip excursions on the waters of Gauley. . . . Carl Hopkins, another lad with piscatorial inclinations, reports seeing a Ford near his camp on the Duckhannon river of such ancient vintage that when the owner wished to ascertain the amount of oil in the crank case he had to reach underneath the car and then twist the petcocks with a long iron wrench. . . . Hod Coyner reports a very successful pumpkin show at Philippi. Lots of boys from up the "crick" in attendance. Almost no fights, but plenty of the "native verb" in evidence. Ends with: "The current currency with me is how to get currency" . . . Charlie Putton, apparently satisfied with the present status at the Wet End station, regretfully laments the passing of the opening days of the Old Fair. Race horses, led by colored swipes; sulkies piled high on top of feed wagons, paraded past his store on their way to the grounds at about this time of the year. . . . An ideal street for a Chinaman, Martin street, in Broad Onks, contains only eighteen residences, yet during the past three years, out of a total number of nine babies born there, the boy per cent still remains a perfect one hundred. . . . Unmistakable sign of an upward trend in purchasing power manifests itself at all city stores. According to our hasty observations, would say that the groceries are getting the bulk of the extra expenditures. . . . Reported that the W. I. year book, "Reminiscences," has been ordered suspended this year. Regret exceedingly such a procedure, as it will deprive this year's graduating class of the permanent record of their last school year, which they could cherish in the years to follow. Ample time remains to reconsider, if proper steps are taken at once. . . . City's most gorgeous display of flowers in full bloom at the residence of Ed Thompson.

The most perfectly arranged porch issues its own invitation to drop in and rest—the Henry residence on Milford street. . . . Claud Smith, state bank examiner, recalls that the famous Cubby Bennett twins in West Union defied identification even among their closest friends, with a single exception. The boy able to distinguish one from the other was none other than Pot Knight, West Un-

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is to raise \$3000 required by the legislature of Connecticut to obtain from it a grant of a like sum for the purpose of erecting a suitable monument over the remains of General Putnam.

In November, 1830, John C. Stone had measles. Joseph W. Whiting Stone had the measles in October, 1828, and it is believed Dudley C. had measles at the same time. On January 8, 1831, Dudley Columbus had the whooping cough and chicken pox. Rebecca had the chicken pox January 8, 1831. On April 17, 1835, a note says that Rebecca, Dudley and Charlotte all had the measles during the month. Rebecca Stone had scarlet fever June 1, 1836. Charlotte had the whooping cough in August, 1836. Pitt Putnam died at Belpre, O., May 31, 1872, aged eighty. He was born at Belpre, O., April 2, 1792, the son of Aaron W. Putnam and a grandson of General Israel Putnam of Revolutionary memory. Both his father and grandfather died at Belpre, O. Near Columbus, Miss., on a Sunday, Mrs. Emma Putnam Craddock, wife of Captain

James N. Craddock, a daughter of the late A. W. Putnam, died.

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## Important Family Records Obtained From Old Bibles

### RADCLIFFE FAMILY

A. D. Talbott of Mount Clare, has a Bible that was presented to James C. Radcliffe by S. Griffin, publisher of the Star in the west. It was printed by J. B. Lippincott and Company of Philadelphia in 1847. Talbott is a grandson of Radcliffe.

John Radcliffe came from Scotland and settled on South Branch of the Potomac in 1768. John Radcliffe and Rachel Withers were united in marriage and John Radcliffe and Catharine Coburn were later united in marriage.

The records of the book follow: James Radcliffe, born April 20, 1777; and died August 12, 1861; his wife, Elenor Caton, born May 12, 1784, and died August 16, 1853. To this union sixteen children were born as follows: Nancy Ann Radcliffe, born January 27, 1805, and married William McKinney. Mary Radcliffe, born September 25, 1806, and married James Little. Margaret Radcliffe, born February 1, 1807, and married Samuel Welch. Catharine Radcliffe, born April 1, 1808, and married Abe Chidester. Sarah Radcliffe, born January 26, 1809, and married John Ryan. John Radcliffe, born August 20, 1810, and married Lettie Lench. James Castor Radcliffe, born February 7, 1811, and married Apha Ryan. Jonathan Radcliffe, born October 8, 1812, and married Nancy Peck. Eleanor Radcliffe, born September 9, 1814, and married Johnathan Blower. Susanah Radcliffe, born February 23, 1816, and married Jacob Dix. Drusilla Radcliffe, born October 25, 1817, and married Levi Talbott. Benjamin Radcliffe, born March 19, 1819, and married Mary Blower. Malinda Radcliffe, born June 10, 1822, and married George Talbott. Daniel Radcliffe, born April 7, 1825, and never married. Rebecca Radcliffe, born November 3, 1827, and married Job G. Bartlett. Steven Radcliffe, born September 23, 1829, and married Rebecca Bryan.

James Castor Radcliffe was born February 7, 1811, and died April 20, 1865. His wife, Apha Ryan, was born July 1, 1810, and died August 14, 1867. The children of this union were as follows: Daniel Radcliffe, born January 28, 1836, and died February 5, 1859; Thomas Radcliffe, born March 12, 1837, and died July 27, 1902; Lewis Radcliffe,

born August 20, 1838, and died August 17, 1899; Rebecca Ann Radcliffe, born November 21, 1839, and died September 12, 1854; James Radcliffe, born February 1, 1841, and died November 18, 1857; Mary Ellen Radcliffe, born October 11, 1842, and died December 9, 1878; Hannah Jane Radcliffe, born March 3, 1844, and died April 6, 1852; Elias Radcliffe, born September 11, 1846, and died March 7, 1931; Sarah Catharine Radcliffe, born May 8, 1848, and died January 20, 1927; Elizabeth Angeline Radcliffe, born May 28, 1850, and died February 8, 1901; Apha Malisa Radcliffe, born April 18, 1852, and died December 13, 1907. Marriages were: Thomas Radcliffe and Olive Morris; Mary Ellen Radcliffe and Festus P. Snider, March 12, 1868; Sarah Catharine Radcliffe and Daniel Stout, October 30, 1869; Elizabeth Angeline Radcliffe and A. B. Talbott, November 25, 1869; Apha Malisa Radcliffe and R. C. Talbott, March 16, 1871.

A. B. Talbott was born December 6, 1844. His children are Arthur Dale Talbott, born August 31, 1870; Cecil Guy Talbott, born January 26, 1872; Elias Cleveland Talbott, born January 18, 1833, and died June 8, 1893; Arthur D. Talbott married Daisy Ethel Morton, June 26, 1912. The children are Harry Morton Talbott, born July 8, 1916, and William Arthur Talbott, born December 8, 1920. Cecil Guy Talbott and Ida V. Nichols were married September 19, 1906. Cecil Clyde Talbott, their only son, was born May 31, 1913.

R. C. Talbott was born December 28, 1846, and died May 5, 1928. Gay Z. Talbott, a daughter, was born March 20, 1872, and died July 3, 1926. She was married to William Nutter, April 18, 1907. Bertha Ellen Talbott was born June 11, 1882. Apha Eleanor Nutter was born July 16, 1909. Daniel Stout was born January 14, 1847, and died March 2, 1926. His children were: Maud Stout, born June 28, 1870, and died November 16, 1870; Wirt Stout, born October 15, 1871, and married Gay Beach, February 28, 1897; Ora Stout, born March 18, 1879, and married Alfred Wolfe November 23, 1926.

### PASTEN FAMILY

Georgia Lantz, of Philippi, has a Bible that was published in 1872 by A. J. Holmes and Company of Philadelphia.

John R. Pasten was born January 7, 1833, and Phebe A. Pasten, his wife, was born April 3, 1858. They had twelve children, the names and dates of their births being as follows: Syntha A., April 3, 1858; George B., January 16, 1860; Sanford W., February 8, 1862; Flora Z., September 29, 1864; Mary A., January 7, 1867; Charles H., August 8, 1869; Harry G., February 18, 1871; John C. Pasten, November 18, 1872; Harriet E., February 8, 1875; Felix E., January 26, 1877; James H., November 10, 1878; and Ida J., May 30, 1881.

Marriages were: John R. Pasten and Phebe A. Sayre, March 26, 1857; Sanford W. Pasten and Lura White, March 23, 1895; Syntha A. Pasten and Benjamin Cole, March 27, 1883; George B. Pasten and Julia A. Pasten, April 28,

1887; James Bailey and Flora B. Pasten, May 17, 1890; and C. B. Williamson and Mary A. Pasten, January 1, 1896.

Deaths have been: J. R. Pasten, June 6, 1883; Phebe A. Pasten, August 22, 1926; Hattie E. Pasten, November 18, 1901; George B. Pasten, November 11, 1912; Flora B. Bailey, 1914; and John C. Pasten, May 10, 1917.

### CHEUVRONT FAMILY

Wesley L. Cheuvront, of Bridgeport, has a Bible that gives the family record of the descendants of Caleb Cheuvront, who was born near the present location of Good Hope, February 10, 1791.

The births were: Caleb Cheuvront, February 10, 1791; Rebecca Covert Cheuvront, December 25, 1796; Morris Cheuvront, September 2, 1819; Joseph Cheuvront, July 4, 1821; Elizabeth Cheuvront, May 25, 1823; Jeremiah P. Cheuvront, October 2, 1826; Jesse Cheuvront, November 18, 1829; Mary Ann Cheuvront, July 18, 1833, and Benjamin F. Cheuvront, July 16, 1841.

Deaths were: Benjamin F. Cheuvront, February 7, 1842, aged six months and twenty-two days; Jesse Cheuvront, September 1, 1863, aged 33 years, nine months and thirteen days; Caleb Cheuvront, May 15, 1865, aged 74 years, three months and five days; Rebecca Covert Cheuvront, March 4, 1880, aged 83 years, two months and ten days; Jeremiah P. Cheuvront, September 12, 1889, aged 62 years, ten months and twenty days; and Elizabeth Cheuvront Arrowhood, April 28, 1893, aged 69 years, ten months and twenty-seven days.

- Marriages were: Caleb Cheuvront, third son and fifth child born to the Rev. Joseph Cheuvront and Elizabeth Ellsworth Cheuvront, married Rebecca Covert of Uniontown, Pa., July, 1818. Joseph Cheuvront married Barbara Stewart, in what is now Elk district, Harrison county; Morris Cheuvront married Harriett Preston, of Bridgeport, about 1845; Elizabeth Cheuvront married Henry Miller of Virginia and after his death married Arrowhood, of Doddridge county. Jesse Cheuvront, a practicing physician in Harrison county, died unmarried. Jeremiah Cheuvront married Mari-  
 → anne Brooks, daughter of the Rev. Richard Loche Brooks, a Methodist minister, February 24, 1857, at West Milford, N. J. Cheuvront married Lorenzo Dow Waugh of Good Hope, March 14, 1880, and died January 2, 1929, aged 95 years, five months and fourteen days.

#### CHAMBERS FAMILY

A Bible owned by Mrs. Ida M. Dewitt, of Manheim, has no date of publication but it was published by Albert Leighton Rawson. The original owner was David Chambers. The book was handed down to the present owner by relatives of her mother's people, who were descendants of the Chambers family. The records in the book follow:

David Chambers, born December 2, 1800, in Pennsylvania; Mary Ann Bosley, born February 5, 1813, in Maryland, and married April 14, 1842, at Henry Smith's farm near Cumberland, Md., by the Rev. E. Allen, of that city. Witnesses were Nerry Smith and his sister, Rosanna Smith.

Births recorded are: Henry Thomas Chambers, April 17, 1843; William Lewis Chambers, November 11, 1844; Sarah Louisa Chambers, April 21, 1847; Eve Elizabeth Chambers, October 10, 1848; Lloyd Chambers, June 4, 1851; Mary Louisa Chambers, May 20, 1854; and Margaret Ann Rebecca Chambers, April 9, 1857.

#### Hewes Family

A man who was hauling trash gave a Bible containing a unique record to Mrs. Mary E. Kittle, of 727 Baltimore street, Clarksburg. The book was printed and published by M. Carey of 21 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, in 1814.

Marriages included in the record are: David Hewes and Mary, his wife, October 16, 1860; David Hewes, Jr., and Miss Elizabeth J. Harrison, November 22, 1864; Amos Thompson and Tully Thomas, January 12, 1819. David Hewes, Sr., was born near Salem, N. J., and lived some time in Wilmington, Del. He moved to Virginia from Philadelphia in 1872. His first wife was Eleanor Derixon. R. M. I. Hoskinson and Elizabeth D. Miller were married October 19, 1843. Joshua Dakan and Mollie J. Hewes were married April 1, 1858.

Births were: David Hewes, Jr., December 8, 1809; Mary Jane Hewes, October 14, 1835; David Hewes, September 1, 1839; Oceana Hewes, January 31, 1842; Waldo P. Hewes, January 6, 1844; Alice Virginia Hewes, November 22, 1846; Roslin Hewes, August 22, 1854; David D. Dakan, January 27, 1861; John Thomas Thompson, November 19, 1819; Charles Edward Thompson, March 19, 1822; Mary Lafayette Thompson, August 11, 1824; David Hewes Thompson, March 10, 1825; Waldo Thompson, March 19, 1829; and Robert S. Thompson, May 4, 1836.

Deaths have included: Polly Hewes, January 13, 1826; Mary Hewes, January 13, 1826; David Hewes, January 18, 1831; David T. Hewes, September 1, 1876; Oceana Hewes, October 17, 1855; Sarah Miller, March 9, 1853; Mary Ann Shinn, August 16, 1852; Mary Jane Dakan, April 1, 1878; Elizabeth Doddridge Hoskinson, January 18, 1879, in Ironton, O.; Mary Hewes, January 13, 1826, aged sixty years; David Hewes, Sr., January 18, 1829; David Thomas Hewes, Sep-

tember 1, 1876; Waldo P. Hewes, November 17, 1888; Mary E. Kittle, May 15, 1825; Edward Thompson, September 2, 1838, and Amos Thompson, 1838.





## Important Family Records Obtained From Old Bibles

More important family records submitted by Exponent-Telegram readers in this newspaper's recent Old Bible Record contest are published herewith.

A few additional records have been received after the contest was closed insofar as competition for prizes was concerned. These and all of the remaining records received in the contest will be published in later issues of The Exponent-Telegram. Any other person who has a Bible containing family records is invited to send in the records for publication. No matter if you think the records from your Bible are trivial or unimportant, send them in. The printed records may prove of unestimable value to later generations should the original records become lost or be destroyed.

### Regester Family

Cyra Regester Mick of Buckhannon has a Bible that was handed down from her great grandfather, James Regester, of Washington county, Pa. The name of the publisher and the date of publication are missing. The record of the book follows:

James Regester, born in May, 1760; Mary Regester, born September 12, 1769; John Regester, born July 3, 1778; Hannah Regester, born March 16, 1780; Aaron Regester, born April 17, 1780; Mary Regester, born July 7, 1782; William Regester, born December 22, 1794; James Regester, born February 2, 1798; Joseph Regester, born April 27, 1800; Elizabeth Regester, born February 11, 1801; Ruth Regester, born June 27, 1826; Mary Regester, born September 28, 1827; Aaron Regester, born September 27, 1830; Hannah Regester, born April 11, 1832; Elmy Regester, born November 15, 1834; Elizabeth Regester, born September 29, 1836; Sarah Melinda Regester, born October 17, 1837; Rebekah Regester, born in 1840; Joseph Regester, born in 1842; and Jesse Regester, born June 14, 1845.

Marriages include: James Regester, May 22, 1777; Hannah Regester, December 15, 1812; Joseph Regester, October 6, 1825; Mary Regester, October 23, 1846; Jesse Regester, December 26, 1869; Ruth Regester, November 21, 1850; Aaron Regester, August 20, 1832; and Sarah M. Regester, August 30, 1882.

Deaths were: Mary Regester, in February, 1876; Aaron Regester, May 20, 17—; Mary Regester, August 15, 18—; Hannah Regester, March, 1833; Elizabeth Regester, November 26, 1848; Elizabeth Mackay, December 21, 1854; Joseph Regester, September 19, 1850; Elma Regester, April 14, 1853; Nathan Barton, January 3, 1856; Eliaiah Barton, April 23, 1856; and Elizabeth Regester, 1871.

### Shuttlesworth Family

Mrs. Bessie M. Shuttlesworth Delbridge, wife of Fred E. Delbridge of 124 Oak street, Clarksburg, has a Bible that was lost in the flood of 1888 and later rescued. It is still in good condition.

The Bible was first owned by Notley Shuttlesworth, then by his daughter, Nancy Shuttlesworth, and finally by his granddaughter, Mrs. Delbridge. Notley Shuttlesworth was born February 20, 1785. Frances Ferguson Shuttlesworth was born January 15, 1789. Their children and the dates of their birth were: Elizabeth Shuttlesworth, September 4, 1807; Mary, February 27, 1810; Rebecca, May 6, 1812; Lorena, October 14, 1814; John H., February 2, 1817; Nancy H., March 27, 1819; Benjamin F., October 17, 1821; James M., February 13, 1824; Samuel A., February 12, 1826; and Notley A., November 13, 1828. Oscar H. Tate was born December 13, 1827; William N. Tate, December 13, 1828, and Mary F. Tate, July 10, 1832.

Marriages were: Notley Shuttlesworth and Frances Ferguson in 1806, by the Rev. George Towles; Elizabeth Shuttlesworth and Thomas J. Tate in 1826, by the Rev. Thomas Hudson; Mary Shuttlesworth and Nathan Dix; Rebecca Shuttlesworth and Jacob M. Eib, in Clarksburg, September 3, 1836, by the Rev. J. H. McMecken; John H. Shuttlesworth and Louisa Martin; Benjamin F. Shuttlesworth and Marriam R. Blair, November 7, 1862, by the Rev. Alexander Martin; and Samuel A. Shuttlesworth and Martha E. Stewart, January 1, 1858.

The deaths have included: Notley Shuttlesworth, Oct. 5, 1846; August 1861; Elizabeth Tate, Mary Dix, Rebecca Eib, Nathan Dix, Jacob Eib, Lorena Shuttlesworth, John H. Shuttlesworth, Samuel A. Shuttlesworth, Benjamin Shuttlesworth and Nancy H. Shuttlesworth.

### Lamb Family

The records of this father's people for five generations are handed in by J. Cyra Childers, of New Milton. The records follow:

John Lamb, born November 25, 1771; Catherine Keys Lamb, born June 15, 1789; Susanna Lamb, May 29, 1808; John Lamb, December 10, 1809; Benjamin Lamb, December 12, 1811; Elizabeth Lamb, January 16, 1814; James Lamb, March 6, 1817; William Lamb, February 23, 1820; Mary Jane Lamb, March 15, 1822; Saryann Lamb, March 23, 1826; Margaret Caroline Lamb, May 2, 1828; Catherine C. Lamb, March 13, 1830; Andrew W. Sibert, August 9, 1827; Catherine C. (Lamb) Sibert, March 13, 1830; Nancy C. Sibert, July 24, 1854; John W. Sibert, November 9, 1857; Jefferson D. Sibert, October 24, 1861, and Whitfield S. Sibert, July 16, 1856. Whitfield S. Sibert died July 15, 1856. Andrew W. Sibert and Catherine C. Lamb were married December 23, 1852.

Jefferson D. Sibert was born October 24, 1861; Sarah A. Rymer was born July 11, 1853; Charles G. Sibert, June 29, 1884; Margaret Cyra Sibert, July 13, 1886; Morgan R. Sibert, July 13, 1897; Lonzo J. Sibert, December 24, 1880; and Harry G. Sibert, April 3, 1913. Jefferson D. Sibert and Sarah A. Rymer were married September 20, 1883.

This Bible was printed by the American Bible Company in New York, in 1848.

### Davis Family

Alvah Davis of Pennsboro reports a Bible that is ninety-nine years old and contains an Apocrypha. It contains a table of scriptural names, weights, measures and coins. The Bible was published by Waugh and T. Mason for the Methodist Episcopal church, at the conference office, 200 Mulberry street, New York, in 1834.

The family record follows: Roger D. Davis, born October 24, 1813; Elizabeth W. Fitzpatrick Davis, born August 4, 1809; Hannah E. Davis, born September 1, 1834; John W. Davis, born August 13, 1836; James Mortimer Davis, born August 3, 1840; Roger D. Davis was married November 7, 1833, and died February 14, 1870. Hannah E. Davis died January 20, 1853. Sarah Ann Davis was born April 24, 1843. Theodore F. Davis was born November 15, 1845, and Mary J. Davis was born July 7, 1848.

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Records contained in an old Bible owned by Thomas Williams have been sent to this newspaper by Mrs. J. E. Brown, 41 Kitson street, Weston. Mrs. Brown is a great-granddaughter of Thomas Williams.

Mrs. Brown writes as follows: "I can also give from memory the following: William "Billy" Robinson was a resident of Parkersburg and ticket agent for the B. & O. railroad for many years later moving to Parkersburg where for many years he was agent for the Ohio River railroad. Miss Helen M. Robinson never married but lived with her brother, William. They both died in Parkersburg several years ago but I do not have the date of their deaths. Ella E. Robinson married the Rev. Benjamin Ison, a minister in the West Virginia Methodist Episcopal conference. After he retired from active work they resided at Oakland, Md., where they are both buried. They have two sons living, Willie O. Ison and Allen Ison, both of whom have positions in the treasury department at Washington, D. C."

Joshua O. Robinson was another great-grandfather of Mrs. Brown. The following is a record of the Robinson family that Mrs. Brown sent in also:

Joshua O. Robinson, born June 29, 1786, and Eleanor Mitchell, born about the year 1800, were married Nov. 11, 1817; their children were, Rebecca, born Nov. 7, 1818; James M., born Sept. 17, 1820; Sarah J., born Dec. 13, 1822; Emily, born Oct. 14, 1825; Ella E., born March 19, 1828; John A., born Nov. 18, 1830; Thomas N., born May 25, 1833; William J., born March 23, 1836; Helen M., born May 31, 1839; Eyester Carr, born Feb. 3, 1844; Joshua O. Robinson died March 5, 1858 and Eleanor Mitchell Robinson died Jan. 6, 1865; Eyester Carr Robinson died Dec. 15, 1848; Rebecca died Feb. 9, 1860; Emily Robinson Lang died Aug. 9, 1867; John A. Robinson died Feb. 6, 1898; James M. Robinson died May 12, 1899.

The records contained in the Bible of Thomas Williams are as follows:

Thomas Williams, born No. 8, 1782, and Esther Innis, born Oct. 1, 1784, were married Feb. 6, 1806. Their children were born as follows: Jesse, Nov. 2, 1806; Isabel, Jan. 16, 1810; Prudence, Feb. 26, 1812; Ehud, June 29, 1814; John A. Aug. 31, 1816; Elizabeth Aug. 8, 1819; Mary, March 14, 1822; Melissann, June 15, 1825; Sarah Jane, Aug. 27, 1828. Isabel Williams married Absalom Boring,

Jan. 4, 1828; Prudence married Joshua Pearcy, July 27, 1831; Ehud married Eliza Starkey, Oct. 9, 1834; John A. married Eleanor Young, July 13, 1837; Jesse married Margaret Bodkins, March 24, 1836; Elizabeth married Jesse Fortney, May 31, 1838; Mary married James Robinson, Dec. 24, 1840; Sarah Jane married Jesse W. Leffer, March 27, 1845; Melissa Ann married Anderson Jones, Nov. 19, 1846.

Thomas Williams died April 1, 1861, at the home of his son on Sycamore creek, Harrison county; Isabel Boring died Feb. 5, 1863; Jesse Williams died July 18, 1866; Jesse Young died Aug. 18, 1869; Prudence Pearcy died July 20, 1873; Esther Williams died Jan. 14, 1875, at the home of her son, J. A. Williams, Sycamore creek, Harrison county; Mary Robinson died June 20, 1908, at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Mary Davis Brown, on Kincheloe creek, Harrison county, aged 86; Susan H. Davis, only child of James and Mary Robinson and wife of A. W. Davis, died at her home on Kincheloe creek, Feb. 7, 1904.

Record of Ehud Williams and Eliza Starkey Williams: Eli, born Sept. 13, 1835; Granville H., born Dec. 29, 1838; John S., born Jan. 31, 1841; Thomas, born Jan. 20, 1843, died July 31, 1866; Sarah Jane, born Feb. 2, 1845; Jesse, born April 29, 1847; James M., born July 10, 1849, died Oct. 23, 1854; Benjamin, born Oct. 2, 1851, died Oct. 29, 1854; Esther, born April 29, 1854; Susannah, born June 5, 1857.

Records of the Friel family, submitted by Mrs. T. F. Hornor, Roanoke, are as follows: William Friel, born Oct. 12, 1787, and Jane Ann Friel, born Jan. 1, 1786. Their children were: Nancy Ann, born Nov. 19, 1815; John, born July 1, 1817; Jane, born Feb. 7, 1819; Daniel, born Nov. 17, 1821; Isabella, born Aug. 19, 1824; Margaret, born Nov. 16, 1826; Sarah, born Jan. 25, 1830; Martha, born April 13, 1832; James, born Dec. 23, 1834.

Brothers and sisters of William Friel were: John, born in March, 1772; Catherine, born Jan. 13, 1774; Jane, born Oct. 28, 1776; Morris, born Sept. 23, 1778; Isabel, born Dec. 17, 1780; Sally, born May 15, 1785; and Jeremiah, born Nov. 28, 1793. William was born Oct. 12, 1787, as stated above. Daniel Friel was born Aug. 9, 1757, and Agnes Friel was born in August, 1750.

These records are of the families of Mrs. Hannah's grandfather and great grandfather.

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[This is a continuation of a series of articles, started in The Exponent-Telegram May 16, dealing with family records found in Bibles entered in the old Bible contest recently conducted by this newspaper.]

Family records dating back to 1752 are contained in a Bible published in Edinburgh in 1789 and now owned by J. A. Springer, Flemington. The oldest records in the Bible are the birth dates of Richard Merrifield, Feb. 23, 1753, and Pheba Merrifield, Jan. 26, 1752. The former was the son of Samuel and Mary Merrifield and the latter the daughter of John and Elizabeth Tucker. Members of the Springer family listed in the Bible are Job Springer, born Aug. 21, 1793; Ann, born Sept. 12, 1795; Phebe Springer, born Oct. 26, 1797; Elizabeth, born Jan. 4, 1800; Dennis, born May 4, 1802; Hannah, born Aug. 13, 1804; Drusilla, born April 28, 1807; Heshaba, born Sept. 30, 1809; Alpheus, born Jan. 16, 1812; and Roanna, born Oct. 1, 1815. Other birth records in the Bible are Alpheas L. Dorsey, March 28, 1843, and Joseph B. Dorsey, July 19, 1844.

A Bible owned by Lewis Butcher, Weston Route 5, contains records as follows: Jepse Butcher, son of John and Christine Butcher, born Oct. 24, 1811; Lucinda Bonnett, daughter of Jacob and Martha Bonnett, born Nov. 5, 1820; Jepse Butcher and Lucinda Bonnett, married Sept. 11, 1844; to this union were born, Virginia Butcher, July 29, 1846; Elizabeth C., Jan. 8, 1848; William T., Aug. 25, 1850; Septembers A., Feb. 8, 1853; John L., Dec. 20, 1855; Nancy N., Nov. 31, 1859. All of the above are dead except Mrs. Nancy Willis of Parkersburg.

A Bible that originally belonged to Thomas H. Ewell, grandfather of Mrs. Maude Jones, Pennsboro, and now belonging to Mrs. Jones, has records of the Ewell family as follows: Thomas H. Ewell, born August 4, 1805; Abigail Ewell, born September 10, 1801; their children, Thomas P., born May 9, 1829; Thomas H., born Sept. 2, 1830; Sarah Jane, born Jan. 1, 1832; George Washington, Sept. 7, 1833; John Spicer, April 4, 1835. Records in an old Bible that belonged to Mrs. Jones' grandmother, are as follows: "Drusilla Cornell, her book this 16th day of April, 1848, Benjamin Cornell, his hand."

Drusilla Cornell was born July 30, 1826; Thomas H. Ewell and Drusilla Cornell were married Dec. 29, 1859; Sarah Ann Ewell, born June 13, 1861; baby was born Feb. 26, 1863.

The Marstiller family, descendants of which live now in Randolph county, may be traced back to 1762 through records in an old Bible now owned by I. F. Marstiller, Elkins. The records are as follows: Nicholas and Mary Marstiller and family; Nicholas, born March 1, 1862; Mary, born Sept. 16, 1767; their children, Mary, born July 5, 1789; Charles, born Nov. 28, 1791; Elizabeth, born Aug. 18, 1795; Ann, born Jan. 27, 1799; John, born Dec. 30, 1801; Edna, born Nov. 20, 1803; Eunice, born Sept. 16, 1806; Christina, born Feb. 12, 1810.

Children of Nicholas Marstiller, Jr. and Amanda Taylor Marstiller were, Lucy, born Dec. 11, 1857; Charles May, born April 8, 1859; Philadelphia B., born July 27, 1860; Lee, born Nov. 29, 1861; William E., born Nov. 6, 1863; John Dallas, born May 10, 1867; Daisy Dell, born Jan. 14, 1871.

John and Mary Hillis Marstiller were married August 17, 1824, and to the union the following children were born: William, August 12, 1825; Nicholas, November 29, 1826; Mary Jane, January 9, 1826; Godfrey, February 18, 1831; Squire B., March 15, 1833; Elizabeth Ann, December 3, 1835; Nancy, January 15, 1838; David Blackman, March 9, 1840; John Frederick, April 17, 1843; Francis Frederica, December 9, 1849. John Marstiller was born December 30, 1801, and Mary H., his wife, was born September 25, 1804.

Deaths listed are as follows: John Marstiller, May 31, 1885; Mary H., October 22, 1886; John F., December 1, 1864; Elizabeth Ann Marstiller Ryan, June 5, 1881; Nancy Marstiller Findley, September 29, 1885; Godfrey Marstiller, June 3, 1897; William Marstiller, June 6, 1895; Polly Jane Marstiller, wife of William, June 24, 1900.

It will be noted that the birth date of John F. Marstiller is contained twice in the Bible. The Bible was sold by Kimber and Sharpless, Philadelphia. There is no publication date in the Bible. The present owner believes it to have been purchased about 1824, the date of the marriage of John and Mary Hillis Marstiller.

## Important Family Records Gleaned From Old Bibles

A few more of the nearly three score family records submitted in The Exponent-Telegram old Bible record contest are published below. Other persons who have family Bibles containing records are invited to copy the records and send them to this newspaper for publication. They will not be eligible for prizes, however.

A Bible, from which family records were submitted by Mrs. Martha Evans Barrett, of Middlebourne, has caused somewhat of a friendly controversy as to its publication date between the Bible Editor and Mrs. Barrett. Mrs. Barrett has sent in the title page from the Bible, but even yet the exact publication date cannot be determined.

Quoting from the title page: "This Bible was begun in 1607 but was not completed and published till 1611; and there are copies of it which in their title pages have the dates 1612 and 1613. This translation was corrected and many parallel texts added but the most complete revision was made by Dr. Blayney in the year 1769." From this, it seems that the nearest one can come to the publication date is sometime after 1769. It was published in New York.

### SMITH FAMILY

More than two centuries have elapsed since the publication of a Biblical book owned by Mary Louise Heflin, of West Union. The old book, entitled "The Holy Book of Psalms," collected into English Metre by Thomas Sternhold, was printed in London by William Pearson in 1716.

The present owner of the book does not know who the original owner was. From the inscriptions, however, it seems that Dulany and Jeanne Wrighte Smith were the first owners. From them it went to their son, Benjamin D. Smith. The latter gave it to his son, William Dulany Smith, and he in turn gave it to John Smith from whom the father of the present owner received it. The book was originally bound in leather but the front and back covers are missing. Only a few of the pages are missing. It is profusely illustrated and the births are recorded on the backs of these illustrations. Several pages of writing are so dim that it is impossible to read them. In one place someone has written over one of these dull pages making it impossible to make out some of the writing. William Dulany Smith used the book to write confessions in. The following is a sample:

This evening the 1st of September, 1846, I do solemnly protest against ever using (?) spirits in any shape or form, unless recommended by a physician as a medicine, and now when I place my name to the same I do hope and pray that I may be ever mindful of the same so long as I live on earth."

The family record in the book follows:

Jemima G. Robinson, born March 18, 1797; William D. Smith, born November 7, 1817, and died in March, 1865; Henrietta Smith, born March 3, 1819; Nancy Jane Smith, born July 10, 1821; Alfred Smith, born June 21, 1823, and died in 1887; Elijah G. Smith, born May 21, 1825, and died in 1890; Harriet Smith, born January 16, 1828, and died July 25, 1830; Susan Smith, born January 2, 1830, and died in 1928; George Smith, born January 2, 1834, and died October 3, 1836; Genias Smith, born February 27, 1837; Agnes Ann Smith, born October 11, 1839; Catherine A. Smith, born December 16, 1831; Jeanne Wrights, wife of Dulany Smith, born in 1763; Jack Wallace Smith, born August 30, 1785, and died July 6, 1797; Benjamin D. Smith, born September 16, 1787; Mary Smith, born March 23, 1790; James Smith, born April 11, 1792; John Smith, born May 7, 1795; Dulany Eycliff Smith, born July 19, 1797; Thomas Smith, born May 27, 1801; Russell Sinkler Smith, born February 16, 1803; Amos Payne, born January 7, 1846; Genius Payne, born November 26, 1844; Dell Harrison, born August 3, 1857; Jemima Agnes Heflin, born October 10, 1858; Nancy Catherine Heflin, born February 1, 1860; Benjamin Franklin Heflin, born November 3, 1861; Hugh Leonidas Heflin, born October 8, 1863; William Spurgeon, born April 22, 1866; Lucy Henrietta Heflin, born August 12, 1869; Susan Lelie Heflin, born September 12, 1872; Creed Collins Heflin, born January 13, 1874; Alpheas Smith, born September 6, 1831; John W. Smith, born October 21, 1832; William Spurgeon Heflin, married to Zenobia Smith March 23, 1890; Lulie Heflin, born November 18, 1890; Susan Harriet Heflin, born May 9, 1902; Aubrey Heflin, born February 21, 1904; and George Smith, born May 27, 1821.

### ST. CLAIR FAMILY

Miss Roxie Carolyn St. Clair, of Simpson, writes of the history in their family Bible, which was published in 1861 by the New York American Bible Society.

Her grandfather, the late James E. St. Clair, was the first person ever to cross the old covered bridge at Philippi on horseback. He did this while carrying mail from Morgantown to Beverly.

The family name was originally Sinclair. A note in the Bible tells that on August 7, 1898, the Rev. J. T. Arnold delivered the first sermon in the Evans Chapel at Simpson.

This Bible was first owned by William Warder. At his death, Mrs. William Warder gave it to her daughter, Mrs. J. E. St. Clair, who later presented it to her son, E. C. St. Clair, of Simpson, who is the father of Miss St. Clair.

Births in the family of William and Mary Warder are:

William Warder, March 18, 1800; Mary Warder, August 29, 1803; Julius Warder, November 1, 1827; Matilda J. Warder, June 7, 1830; Caroline R. Warder, September 8, 1835; Melvin C. Warder, November 21, 1840; Mary Riter Curry, April 12, 1848; Elizabeth Warder, December 13, 1791; Noah Warder, March 26, 1793; Nelly Warder, January 15, 1795; Polly Warder, August 18, 1796; John Warder, August 18, 1798; William Warder, March 18, 1800; Henry Warder, May 12, 1802; Elisha Warder, August 31, 1807; Joseph Warder, January 19, 1806; and James Warder, November 17, 1809.

Marriages are: William Warder and Mary Hall, February 8, 1827; Julius Warder and Sarah Sinclair, October 29, 1850; Jacob W. Holland and Matilda Warder, October 18, 1826; Mary Riter and Harrison Curry, January 9, 1869; Melvin Warder and Martha Maxwell, November 4, 1869; and Caroline Warder and J. E. St. Clair, December 8, 1875.

Deaths include: Julius H. Warder, April 21, 1871; William Warder, February 4, 1881; Mary Warder, July 4, 1882; Matilda Holland, 1884; Caroline R. Warder (mother of E. C. St. Clair), February 16, 1915; and Melvin C. Warder, 1921.

Births in the family of J. E. St. Clair were: F. R. Sinclair, November 7, 1821; Maria N. Sinclair, January 2, 1823; James E. St. Clair, September 5, 1835; Ella Y. Sinclair, October 20, 1861; Mary Ann Sinclair, November 6, 1826; Emely R. Sinclair, March 19, 1868; Ellie Sinclair, March 19, 1868; George C. Sinclair, January 10, 1870; and E. C. Sinclair, January 20, 1876.

Marriages have been Mary Ann Sinclair and Elija McIntosh, April 22, 1884; and E. C. St. Clair and Delia N. Davis, April 28, 1898. Deaths have been: Ellie Sinclair, March 20, 1868; George G. Sinclair, January 10, 1870; Emely R. St. Clair, April 28, 1889; Caroline R. Sinclair, February 13, 1915; and James E. Sinclair, December 13, 1923.

#### PATTON FAMILY

Miss Mittie B. Adams, of Glenville, writes of a Bible that was published by the American Bible society of New York in 1850. It is bound in black leather and translated out of the original tongues. The book is nine and one-half inches long, six and one-fourth inches wide, and three inches thick.

Miss Adams' grandfather, Patton. It was given to her mother at her grandfather's death. Her grandmother, Mary A. Smith Patton, left it to her daughter, Hannah E. Patton. At her death it was given to her youngest sister, Susan K. Patton Adams, who left it to the present owner January 2, 1930. The present owner is the only one of the generations mentioned still living.

The record of births follows: William Patton, January 18, 1799; Mary A. Smith Patton, February 20, 1818; John S. Patton, July 4, 1842; Zechariah H. Patton, November 28, 1843; Hannah E. Patton, July 15, 1845; Mary Levene Patton, June 17, 1848; Phoebe J. Patton, December 10, 1850; Nathan A. L. Patton, June 23, 1853; Susan K. Patton, December 18, 1855; and Colombia Ann Patton, July 9, 1859.

The deaths have been: William Patton, October 21, 1863; Mary A. Smith Patton, April 12, 1885; Nathan A. L. Patton, November 4, 1854; John S. Patton, August 6, 1863; Colombia Ann Patton, September 18, 1867; Mary Levene Patton, September 30, 1867; Zachariah H. Patton, March 21, 1893; Hannah E. Patton, March 7, 1924; Susan K. Patton Adams, January 2, 1930; and Phoebe J. Patton Rhymer, August 13, 1931.

#### CURREY FAMILY

Gordon B. Currey, of Fairmont, has a Bible that was printed by Alexander Kinchid, his majesty's printer, in Edinburgh, in 1772. The Psalms are written in poetry. The records are as follows: James Currey, born September 20, 1782; Roseannah Currey was born July 10, 1785. James Currey and Roseannah were united in marriage, March 16, 1809. Nathan Currey was born January 28, 1810. Another member of the family whose name could not be distinguished was born May 31, 1813.

#### SMITH FAMILY BIBLE

A Bible record submitted by U. C. Smith, of Owings, tells of a Bible that was printed by William Young, in New York, in 1794. It belonged to his great grandfather, Peter H. Smith. It was handed down to his grandfather, John W. Smith, who was the first number of the family to migrate from Virginia to this section of country. Henry M. Smith, father of U. C. Smith, is now dead, but his mother, Sarah Smith, contains no family record except that for Peter H. Smith.

#### WILCOX FAMILY

Mrs. E. C. Okey, of 604 Hart street, Clarksburg, has handed in the record of a Bible that was printed in 1873 by the New York American Bible society. The book was originally owned by Frank and Mary Wilcox. It was handed down to Loretta Wilcox Okey in 1881 and again handed down to Earl C. Okey, in 1907.

The marriages in the record are: Franklin Wilcox and Mary Smith, March 16, 1852; Robert C. Okey and Loretta Wilcox, July 17, 1881; and George D. Wilcox and Martha

Adair, December 24, 1876; Wiley J. Wilcox and Laura Smith, January 10, 1884; James D. Willison and Anna Wilcox, November 19, 1881; and Earl C. Okey and Loretta Cottrill, September 29, 1906.

Recorded births are: Mary Wilcox, November 19, 1832; Franklin Wilcox, June 23, 1824; Loretta Wilcox, April 14, 1853; George J. Wilcox, February 17, 1855; Henry S. Wilcox, August 14, 1857; Wiley T. Wilcox, August 15, 1859; Lydie A. Wilcox, April 17, 1862; Earl C. Okey, June 5, 1881; Nora E. Wilcox, June 23, 1884; Carl L. Wilcox, February 4, 1886; and Homer Wilcox, December 21, 1888.

**HART FAMILY**

N. D. Parks of Bridgeport owns a Bible that belonged to his grandfather, Noah S. Park. It was published in 1846 by Jasper Harding, 57 South Third street, Philadelphia.

The records in the book are as follows: Daniel Hart and Sarah Willmoth, married July 28, 1836; Loman B. Hart and Virginia C. Vanscoy, February 7, 1865; Elam T. Hart and Margaret Burke, February 27, 1868. Eber S. Hart, son of Daniel and Sarah Hart, was born September 5, 1848. Martha Hart, daughter of Daniel and Sarah Hart, was born June 23, 1851. Mary Hart, daughter of Daniel and Sarah Hart, was born June 23, 1851. Anna Hart, daughter of Daniel and Sarah Hart, was born June 21, 1856. Virginia C. Vanscoy, born May 8, 1842; Margaret Burke, born October 29, 1847; Daniel Hart, son of John S. and Jennima Hart, was born June 13, 1816. Sarah Willmoth, daughter of John and Ann Wilmoth, was born May 18, 1818. Amanda Hart, daughter of Daniel Hart and Sarah Hart, was born July 9, 1838; Loman B. Hart, son of Daniel Hart and Sarah Hart, was born December 10, 1842; and Elam Hart, son of Daniel Hart and Sarah Hart, was born March 31, 1846.

Mary Hart, daughter of Daniel and Sarah Hart, died May 3, 1865. Amanda Hart, daughter of Daniel and Sarah Hart, died August 12, 1867. Ebert S. Hart, son of Daniel and Sarah Hart, died November 5, 1867. Elana T. Hart, son of Daniel and Sarah Hart, died December 29, 1868. Daniel Hart, son of John S. Hart and Jennima Hart, died March 26, 1871. Loman B. Hart, son of Daniel and Sarah Hart, died May 23, 1882. Sarah Hart, wife of

**BROWN FAMILY**

Miss Augustine Brown, twelve-year-old daughter of Roscoe Conklin Brown, of Jane Lew, writes of a Bible that has been handed down from her grandfather, George Valentine Brown.

A marriage record in it says: "This certifies that the rite of holy matrimony was celebrated between George Valentine Brown, of Jane Lew, and Alice Leonard, of Salem, November 27, 1879."

Births are: Herbert Clyde Brown, June 11, 1881; Orville Carroll Brown, June 7, 1883; Wade Hampture Brown, February 9, 1885; Roscoe Conklin Brown, February 11, 1888; William Lyle Brown, October 6, 1890; George Harold Brown, August 21, 1892. Deaths are: George Valentine Brown, died in 1897; and Elizabeth Alice Brown, September 19, 1913.

**RIGHTER FAMILY**

One of the few out-of-state entries in the old Bible contest comes from M. Alice Corpening, of Cleveland, O., a former local resident.

"I am liking Cleveland very much but will not forget Clarksburg," she writes. I saw your advertisement in the Sunday Exponent-Telegram and thought I would send you the record of the Righter family as it is contained in my mother's Bible."

The record follows: Jacob Righter lived to be fifty-three years of age; John Righter, eighty-two; Abraham Righter, eighty-two; and Peter Baker Righter, ninety-two. John Righter and Sarah Righter were united in marriage April 26, 1795. Maria Righter was born December 6, 1796. John Righter was born December 28, 1799. Abraham Righter was born January 27, 1802. Peter Baker Righter was born August 23, 1804.

**ORR FAMILY**

The Rev. Dexter Bennett Orr, of the Hartland addition to Clarksburg, reports a Bible record of the Orr family.

Nicholas Orr was born December 7, 1777, in Ireland, and married Ann Johnston, who was born May 31, 1777, in Ireland. The record of their children follows: Elizabeth was born October 8, 1798, and married Jesse McIntyre. Ann was born Feb. 12, 1800, and married John W. Stout. Jane was born May 20, 1803, and married Absalom Swiger. Nicholas, Jr., was born November 12, 1806, and married Leah Underwood. Mathew Johnston was born March 22, 1809, and married Sarah Jane McGee. David was born September 12, 1811, and died while very young. Robert was born June 7, 1813. Susannah was born May 17, 1815, and married Morgan Hutson. Sarah was born September 7, 1817, and married John Underwood. John P. was born April 14, 1820, and married Eliza Powell. Amanda Melvina was born November 5, 1823, and married Abraham Stutler.

## Bibles Reveal Records Of Pioneer Families

In the recent old Bible contest, conducted by the Exponent-Telegram, many family records that had been all but lost were discovered. Beginning with this issue, the Exponent-Telegram will publish some of these old records each Sunday for a limited time.

A Bible now owned by Henry Alexander, Buckhannon, and obtained by him from his aunt, Mrs. W. J. Alexander, contains records as follows: Samuel Alexander, born April 3, 1780; Sarah Helen Alexander, born Aug. 1, 1790; Margaret Alexander, born Oct. 20, 1808; John Alexander, born Sept. 12, 1810; Jane Alexander, born Aug. 29, 1812; Elizabeth Alexander, born April 17, 1815; William Alexander, born Jan. 9, 1817; Mary Alexander, born June 3, 1819; Samuel Alexander, died May 27, 1846; Andrew Alexander, born Oct. 21, 1821; Roylord Alexander, born March 1, 1824; James M. Alexander, born Jan. 25, 1826; Samuel R. T. Alexander, born March 15, 1830.

The Exponent-Telegram of recent date was in error regarding the publication date of a Bible owned by Luther A. Board, Mount Clara. The date was given 1878, and it should have been 1788, making the Bible 199 years old. Records contained in this old Bible are as follows:

Samuel Bond, born 1692, died 1783; Ann, his wife, born 1708, died 1786; their children: Richard, born 1728; Sarah, born 1729; Margaret, born 1732; Susannah, born 1735. Richard, first named of the above children, and his wife, Mary, were parents of the following children: Rachel, born 1775; Thomas, born 1777; Lewis and Rebecca, twins, born 1780; Mary Ann, born 1784; Samuel, birth date not given. Samuel, the last named, was the father of the following children: Richard, born 1756; Susannah, born 1757; Levi, born 1758; Lydia, born 1760; Thomas, born 1762; Abel, born 1763; Sarah, born 1765; Mary, born 1767. Augustine Passmore, son of Thomas and Cassandra Bond, born April 14, 1805; Abner, born May 16, 1807; Mary Ann, born September 30, 1809; Thomas Haymond Bond, born November 10, 1811. The mother of these children died March 12, 1812. Eli Bond and his wife, Amelia,

were parents of the following children: Elizabeth, born 1817, died 1870; Rebecca, born 1818, died 1861; Amanda, born 1819, died 1821; Samuel, born 1822, died 1843; Eddy, born 1824, died 1845; Elam, born 1826, died 1826; Eli, Jr., born 1827, died 1901; Marsden, born 1829, died 1862; Samatha, born 1833, died 1913. Eli, Jr., married Mary E. Batten and their children are: Luther A., born November 15, 1854; Sarah A., born October 24, 1856; Ellen E., born 1859; Rebecca, born 1862; Clara, born 1865; Jonathan E., born 1870, died 1887.

This old Bible also contains the notation: "In the year 1803 snow on the ground several inches deep, May 8th, witness Richard Bond, Sr."

Arlen F. Smyth, Sutton, sends in the following records from a Bible that belonged to William and Mary Rose: George Smith, born 1757; Mary Smyth, his wife, born 1760; Hynson Smith, born 1792; his wife, Chatheryn, born 1801—their children, Samuel B., born 1822; Lyda, 1823; Mary, 1825; James B., 1827; George C., 1830; Thomas F., 1832; William T., 1834; Eriera E., 1837; Rebecca C., 1838; William T., 1843. Mary Smyth died in 1838, George in 1844, Rebecca in 1854, Samuel in 1865, Hynson in 1881, and James Bolby in 1903. Marriages recorded are: Hynson Smyth and Catherine, married 1820; James Bolby Smyth and Maranda C. Everly, 1852; James Darus Smyth and Sarah Jane Duffield, 1897.

The Bible owned by \_\_\_\_\_

Oakland, Md., shows that Henry P. F. King was born in Westmoreland county, Va., Aug. 31, 1820, that Elizabeth Ann Dobbins was born Sept. 7 in the same county and that the two were married Feb. 23, 1840. To this union were born ten children, four of whom are living, the oldest being 85 years old. H. P. F. King was for 52 years in the ministry of the M. P. church and was well known throughout West Virginia. He lived at Rockford for five years, and traveled what was known as the Harrison circuit. He died Jan. 12, 1899 and his wife died Jan. 1899.



## Bibles Reveal Records Of Pioneer Families

Dust covered Bibles, many of them bearing dates of publication more than a century ago, are continually revealing interesting facts concerning central West Virginia's leading families as the result of a campaign staged by the Exponent-Telegram.

B. F. McNemar, of Junior, has a unique old Bible bearing a wooden back, and recovered with leather. The only record in it is "Sarah Frye, her hand and pen, 1773." Many of the pages are worn off to the reading matter. The letters 't' and 's' are used alike in some places. McNemar has traced the book to a time when it was presented to his grandfather by his great-grandfather.

McNemar owns a clasp type Bible, formerly the property of his father, which bears the following record:

Louis F. McNemar, born April 23, 1853; Josephus McNemar, born June 27, 1855; Mary Jane McNemar, born in March, 1858; Sary Catheryn McNemar, born January 13, 1851; Benjamin F. McNemar, born July 4, 1862; Mariah Elizabeth McNemar, born in August, 1870; Susan Matilda McNemar, born June 15, 1872; Carlina Rebecca McNemar, born November 27, 1875.

The Varner family, quite well-known in Harrison county's nineteenth century history, moved to Salem from Green county, Pennsylvania, in 1841. Eight children were: Allen, born in 1831; Jackson, March 3, 1834; Elizabeth, March 27, 1836; Martha, March 20, 1838; Smith, April 16, 1841; Albert, November 23, 1843; Phebe Ellen, April 18, 1846; John Pew, May 21, 1848.

Allen Varner was married to Miss Amanda Powell. Their children were: The Rev. W. P. Varner, Crofton, Pa.; Dr. Harvey H. Varner, (deceased), Clarksburg; Stella King, Salem; and Jenny Bachman, (deceased), Clarksburg. Jackson Varner married Miss Susan Hutson. Their children were: Alice Watts, deceased; Sarah Isenhardt, Las Animas, Colo.; Phebe Varner, deceased; Virginia Varner, Salem; Tina Flanigan, deceased; Raymond Varner, Wallace, route 1; Denton Varner, Salem; Arby Varner, Salem; Otto Varner, Salem; and Guy Varner, Alvy.

Elizabeth Varner married Abey Duncan, and the following were their children: J. Walter Duncan, Clarksburg; Belle Duncan, Clarksburg; Nannie Duncan, deceased; Henry Duncan, deceased; Carl Duncan, Clarksburg. Martha Varner married Edgar Drummonds, and the following are their children: Fronia Herton, Buckhannon; Leah Haltz, Buckhannon; Ernest Drum-

mond, Buckhannon; Tilden Drummond, Buckhannon; Rose-Foster, Buckhannon; Osa Thomas, El Paso, Texas.

Smith Varner married Safrona Davis. Their children were Gilbert Varner, deceased; Ora and Cully Varner, of Clarksburg. Phebe Ellen married Dr. Thomas Ogden, and they were the parents of the following children: Rosa Haines, Colorado Springs, Col.; Wayman Ogden, deceased. John Pew Varner married Molly Swisher. One son, Carl Varner, is deceased, and the other, Orin Varner, resides in Denver, Colo.

W. H. Patterson, of Linn, owns an old Bible which he prizes quite highly due to the fact that his father found it on a battle field during the Civil war. Old records in it are now illegible, but the Patterson family history, recorded since the war, follows: Parents, Thomas C. Patterson, February 24, 1842, and Minervy I. Patterson, January 25, 1850. Children: Mary A. Patterson, February 2, 1868; William H. Patterson, April 12, 1870; Newton H. Patterson, June 23, 1872; John E. Patterson, February 10, 1876; Jasper N. Patterson, April 21, 1878.

Old age has been fateful to many Bibles, causing the records within them to be obliterated. Such is the case with one book owned by Garnet Hudkins Myers, of Belington. Only the following records is legible in the book, which was published in 1811 by Mathew Curey, at No. 122 Market street, Philadelphia, Pa.:

Willison Woodford, born 1812; John Talbott, born April 29, 1821; Richard Talbott, born March 3, 1825; Margaret Talbott, born April 26, 1823; David Talbot, born October 5, 1827.

Mrs. Jane Benedum, of route 1, Morgansville, reports the following data from an old family Bible:

George Wesley Evans, born August 15, 1817; Margaret Evans, born August 17, 1818; John Evans, born November 13, 1824; Laura Evans, born August 17, 1827; Franklin Evans, born 1858; Sara Frona Evans, 1858; Hannah Jane Evans, 1863; Elle Rebeck, March 13, 1867.



## More Bible Record Many Sent Durin

Following are additional family records taken from family Bibles owned by persons in central West Virginia. These records were submitted in the contest recently sponsored by The Exponent-Telegram. This newspaper invites those who have not yet sent their records to do so now.

Although no further prizes are offered, these lists will be made into a permanent record for publication in the newspaper and in a contemplated publication.

### SHEETS - WAMSLEY FAMILIES

The records of the Sheets and Wamsley families is contained in a Bible now owned by Charles A. Sheets, of 316 Milford street, Clarksburg. The Bible was printed and published by Matthew Carey, at No. 122 Market street, Philadelphia, in 1809.

William Wamsley, Jr., was born October 5, 1754; Susanna Wamsley, October 25, 1761; John Wamsley, June 9, 1783; Margaret Wamsley, February 4, 1785; Jonathan Wamsley, September 10, 1786; David Wamsley, April 11, 1788; Mary Wamsley, March 14, 1790; Ruth Wamsley, June 7, 1792; Susannah Wamsley, February 5, 1794; William G. Wamsley, October 22, 1795; John Wamsley, September 25, 1798; Watson Wamsley, April 3, 1800; and James D. Wamsley, March 15, 1802. William Wamsley and Susanna Watson were married August 28, 1782. Adam Harper and Margaret Wamsley were married April 10, 1807. Jonathan Wamsley and Hannah Newlon were married May 25, 1817. Daniel B. Marshall and Ruth Wamsley were married July 18, 1824.

Benjamin Arnold and Susanna Wamsley married October 24, 1816. Robert Parks and Ruth Marshall married March 18, 1825. Mary Margaret Susannah R. Marshall, daughter of Daniel B. Marshall, was born May 26, 1825; Lemuel E. Sheets and Mary Margaret Susannah R. Marshall married November 16, 1845; John Wamsley, son of William and Susannah, died June 21, 1783; David Wamsley died September 26, 1795; Watson Wamsley died May 29, 1800; Mary Wamsley, daughter of William and Susannah, died August 28, 1812; and Ruth Smith died April 3, 1862.

Lemuel E. Sheets, the son of Jacob Sheets, was born September 15, 1820; Mary Margaret Susannah R. Marshall, born May 26, 1825; William M. Sheets, the son of L. E. Sheets and M. M. S. R. Sheets, was born January 27, 1848; Nancy Sheets, the daughter of L. E. and M. M. S. R. Sheets, was born March 30, 1850; Embirda Adelbert Sheets,

Marcelles Sheets, the son of L. E. and M. M. S. R. Sheets, was born September 2, 1854; Mary Adalea Sheets, the daughter of L. E. and M. M. S. R. Sheets, was born June 4, 1857; Lenora Sheets was born January 18, 1860; Charles A. Sheets was born September 11, 1862; and Earnest L. Sheets was born July 20, 1865.

Lemuel E. Sheets and Mary Margaret Susannah R. Marshall were married November 16, 1845; Embirda Adelbert Sheets, the son of L. E. and M. M. S. R. Sheets, died October 2, 1853; Nancy Sheets, the daughter of L. E. and M. M. S. R. Sheets, died April 25, 1855; Mary Adlee Sheets, the daughter of L. E. and M. M. S. R. Sheets, died February 19, 1859; and William M. Sheets, the son of L. E. and M. M. S. R. Sheets, died June 28, 1863.

months and 24 days; Marion Wolfe, April 22, 1933, age 77 years, 7 months and 5 days.

In some places in the record the name is spelled "Wolf" and in others "Wolfe."

### MEMBERS VISIT HISTORIC AREA

Anna Grace DeHaven of Bunker Hill, WV, and Mona J. Mattingly of Chambersburg, PA (and a new HCPD member) were guests of Phylliss Hall Shingleton of Gerrardstown recently. As they searched back issues of the Hacker's Creek Journal they could look out the bay window and see the small log cabin of Morgan Morgan, the first settler of West Virginia. Another guest was Barbara Reed who lives in Golden Meadows, the home of David Morgan.

### NEW COVER FOR THE JOURNAL

Thanks to Larry Smith's expertise, we have a new cover for our Journal. Larry designed four different covers and the majority of the executive committee picked this one. It's simple, rustic and to the point and surely lets everyone know what their getting in the mail. Bob Smith drew the log cabin setting, that could be any pioneer cabin in the Hacker's Creek area. We hope you like the change and welcome any comments.

### DEATH OF ONE OF OUR VALUABLE MEMBERS

Mrs. Lucille S. Poss, 80, of Aurora, Ill., died monday, Nov. 27, 1989, at the Alden Nursing Center, Naperville, Ill.

She was born December 26, 1908 in Harrison County a daughter of George and Mary (Lawson) Sinclair.

She was a member of the Fourth Street United Methodist Church, the Diamond Class of the church, the Second Horizon Senior Citizens of the Salvation Army and a member of the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants where she was an avid researcher of the Sinclair, Lawson and Morrison families.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Nov. 30, 1989 at 1:30 p.m. at Healey Chapel, with the Rev. Wesley McKelvey officiating. Burial followed in the River Hills Memorial Park.

We send our Condolences to her husband Arthur Poss, Who survives and her Hacker's Creek cousins will sorely miss her at our annual Hacker's Creek gatherings.

### HOLIDAY DECORATIONS AT THE LIBRARY

Thanks to Irma Curtis for the beautiful decorations that graced our Library on Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays. They were beautifully arranged and added to the spirit of the occasion. This gal never quits and is a great asset to the operation of the Library. Keep up the good work Irma.

QUERIES

1. Seeking information about possible burial of WILLIE PRIEST (ca 1848) and CORNELIUS PRIEST (date unknown) in the Jacksonville area of Lewis County. K.C. Priest, 921 Upton Drive, South Charleston, WV 25309.
2. Seeking biographical information on ROBERT ROLLINS who lived at Freemans Creek in the 1870s. K.C. Priest, 921 Upton Drive, South Charleston, WV 25309.
3. Seeking parents and grand-parents of my maternal great-grandfather, JACOB WOOD KITTLE, born 7-5-1830 (tomb-stone date, 7-7-1834 obituary date) in VA; died 3-31-1915 in Mercer County, Ohio. Family legend has it that JACOB WOOD KITTLE, his sister and mother (name uncertain - maybe Ruth Hays- came to Switzerland or Ohio County in Indiana when "Jacob was a boy"- probably around 1840. A Jacob Kittle is listed as living in Tiger's Valley, part of Augusta County in a petition dated 11-7-1780 requesting that this area be incorporated into Monongalia CoVA. Also named in this petition: Abraham, Moses and Richard Kittle. Could any of these Kittles be the father or grandfather of Jacob? Gordon Straley, 325 Jefferson Drive, West Lafayette, IN 47906.
4. Wanted to purchase: SUTTON FAMILY HISTORY. Donna Queen Barnes, P.O. Box 3931, Tequesta, FL 33469.
5. Seeking specific information on ELIJAH KING and NANCY HURST ( Hursh) who married in Feb. 1810, and their children, one of which is WILLIAM KING married to a SARAH \_\_\_\_ who then had a daughter EDITH CATHERINE KING who married a WILLIAM MEANS. (they are my gg grandparents.) Tamara M. Snow, 8503 Jackson Hole Drive, Sandy, Utah 84093.
6. Seeking information on ROBERT MEANS who was born in Ireland. He had a lot of children, one of whom was OTHO MEANS born ca 1801. Who was his wife, when did he arrive in the USA, where were they married? Tamara M. Snow, 8503 Jackson Hole Drive, Sandy, Utah 84093.
7. Seeking parents or any family related to FRANCIS BOICE b. 1786 and married to CATHERINE RODGERS b. 1796. They sold their property on Buckhannon Run to George Lance in 1820. The property is in Lewis County. Shirley B. Wagner, 1131 Howard Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95405.

QUERIES

8. Would like any information on WILLIAM BOWEN. His daughter, Frances, married WILLIAM LINGER 2 Nov. 1847 in Lewis Co., WV. Mrs. Gene B. Reniker, RD 4, Box 276B, Paris, TN 38242

9. Need parents of MARY ELLSWORTH who married GEORGE A. WESTFALL in 1840. Son Wm. F. WESTFALL married Sarah A. LINGER. Was Mary the daughter of Moses Ellsworth? Mrs. Gene Reniker, RD 4, Box 276B, Paris, TN 38242.

10. I would like to know the Army unit that CALVIN V. MORGAN served in during the Civil War. He was a teamster in the Union Army. He was born in Harrison Co., VA 26 Jan 1837, died 24 May, 1893 in Doddridge Co., WV. Does anyone know the date of death of WILLIAM SIMS? He was the son of THOMAS M. AND PHOEBE (REEDER) SIMS. He was born 1846 in VA. Served the entire Civil War in CO. C, 31st VA Inf. C.S.A. Married Joadda Samantha CURTIS, 10 Oct 1867. Would also like to know the place of burial and any other known information. Bill Grumbine, 241 Laurel, Drive, Tobyhanna, PA 18966

11. On pages 89 and 90 of Smith's "A History of Lewis County, West Virginia", the book states that the court entered an order that a list of all whites be taken by the assessors. John Sleuth of Hacker's Creek was appointed to make a list of all those residing "from the mouth of Lost Creek, including the whole livers in the West Fork settlement" which included all the territory in Lewis Co. that was then inhabited. There are 4 names - Elizah, Abraham, Joseph, and Isaac on this list with no surnames. Does anyone know where this original list is or the surnames of these four men? Shirley Boyce Wagner, 1131 Harvard Crive, Santa Rosa, CA 95405.

12. WV and NC Brakes connect and trace to Scotland and Germany .. looking for Brakes and descendants to extend the WV branch. David D. Edwards, 10518 Italia Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670.

13. Interested in the first Brake Bugle newsletter,- David D. edwards, 10518 Italia Way, Rancho Cordova,CA 95670.

14. Seeking descendants of: John and Catherine Shook Brake, (Isaac, John J., Leonard, Mary Morrison, Margaret Morrison, Jacob and Rachel Jackson Brake), Jacob L.D. Brake. John and Elizabeth Cummins Jackson and Edward. Contact: Linda Meyers, 1800 Maness Court, Sycamore, Illinois 60178.

January 21, 1990

Need any info re: PETER CUTRIGHT, f/o Barbara Cutright (1817-1906) who married Abraham Allman (1805-1885) on Feb. 23, 1851. Upshur History by Cutright pg. 462 says Barbara's parents were Peter Cutright and Mary Helmick. Only Peter found in vital statistics was married to Nancy Westfall Dec. 11, 1816 (Harr.Marr.Bonds 3-103); Lewis Census 1820 & Upshur Census 1860 lists Peter b.1791 & Nancy b.1799. Nancy's parents were Cornelius Westfall (1768- ) & Eliz. Helmick, d/o Jacob Helmick Sr. & Barbara Hinkle.

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What is the significance of the name LORENZO DOW as a given name. It appears often in the 19th. century in our central W. Va. area. Examples: Lorenzo Dow Cutright b. 1834; Lorenzo Dow Cutright b.1842; Lorenzo Dow Wentz b.1867; Mary Ann Cheuvront married Lorenzo Dow Waugh of Good Hope, Mar. 14, 1880; Alonzo Dow Anderson b/c1835; Lorenzo Dow Anderson b.1841; Lorenzo Dow Carter b.1884; Lorenzo Dow Forinash f/o Eva M. who married Howard N. Smith in 1902; Lorenzo Dow Pumphrey, f/o Mary E. who married Wm. Miles c1850; Lorenzo D. Talkington, s/o E.A. Talkington of Palatine, W. Va.

THE COLUMBIA ENCYCLOPEDIA pg. 592 - DOW, Lorenzo 1777-1834, American evangelist, b. Coventry, Conn. Although connected at times with the Methodist Church, he was for much of his life an independent preacher, traveling between the North and the South on horseback. By 1830 Dow was nationally known, not only for his eloquence, but for his oddities of manner and dress. He visited Ireland and England, where he introduced camp meetings.

*I now need a letter for journal.*

